

Dryden officials oppose application for gravel mining in Metamora Twp.

DRYDEN — Opposition to the proposed gravel mining operation at D-Bar-A Boy Scout Camp in Metamora Township is growing.

Dryden Village Council members voted Tuesday night to urge support of a four-month moratorium on considering approval of the project. "It would ruin our roads," said village clerk Holly Schroyer.

Last month American

Aggregates sought approval from the Metamora Township Board of Trustees to mine gravel on 500 acres the company has leased from the Boy Scouts adjacent to another 154 acres the company owns and wants to mine.

The proposal, dubbed the D-Bar-A Project, has set off a firestorm of opposition in Metamora and surrounding communities.

Lapeer Township resident

Wes Wickam warned Metamora Township officials last month the project would put 100 gravel haulers a day on Dryden Road.

The Metamora Township Board and its planning commission on Monday (Jan. 11) will hold a special joint meeting at which time officials and the public will hear from their legal counsel during the informational meeting to bring them up to speed about what they've

learned and possible strategy to fight the gravel mining application. The 7 p.m. meeting will be held at the Metamora Township Hall at 730 W. Dryden Road.

On Tuesday, the Dryden Township Board will meet at 7 p.m. at which time officials are expected to take up a resolution to oppose the proposed gravel mine application in Metamora Township. A public comment period is available.

In other action at the

Dryden village meeting Tuesday, council members gave their blessing to Adrienne Morris to split off a farm house at 5313 Main St. from adjacent farm land. The proposal, Schroyer said, now goes to Dryden Township Board for its approval.

Council members also voted to hold their budget hearing at 7:15 p.m. Feb. 2 at the village hall, 5602 Main Street.

— Phil Foley