

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 9, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Tim Elkins, Clerk Cindy Shields, Treasurer Pat Miller,  
Trustees Matthew Karr and Travis Howell

Attorney David Lattie

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Deputy Chief Jerry Harris

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dave Shields, Lori Tallman, Tim Green, Kathy Davis

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Mr. Elkins requested to change Item H to I and I to H on the agenda.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to approve the November 9, 2020 meeting agenda with changes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION BY HOWELL, SECOND BY MILLER** to approve the October 19, 2020 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Miller gave the October, 2020 Treasurer's Report with total receipts in the amount of \$887,112.54.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SHIELDS** to accept the October, 2020 Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Elkins reported Board Expenditures for October 16, 2020 thru November 9, 2020 to be \$347,027.66.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY HOWELL** to approve the board expenditures as presented. Roll call: Yes-Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened at 7:03 pm and there were no comments.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CDBG Public Hearing**

The public hearing for the CDBG 2022-2024 Funding was opened at 7:04 pm to discuss possible CDBG funding projects for low to moderate income areas within Davison Township. Tim suggested the Senior Center parking lot paving, dumpster enclosure, and HVAC unit, and an Outreach East donation. He said that the Veterans Memorial Park does not qualify as he had hoped it would. The funding amount will be \$154,800 and Option 1 would be the appropriate recommendation. The public audience was asked for input and there were no comments. The board discussed the different options that were presented.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY HOWELL** to approve Option 1 as presented removing the Veterans Court of Honor project and authorize the Supervisor to sign the Pre-Application Form. Roll call: Yes- Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-21 Public Act 152**

Mrs. Shields read the Resolution and noted that since 2011 Davison Township has selected Option 3 Section 8) Exemption. This will allow Davison Township exemption from the Public Act 152 Funded Health Insurance Contributions and to be in compliance with the requirements.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY MILLER** to adopt Resolution #2020-21 Public Act 152 as presented. Roll call: Yes- Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-23 Interlocal Agreement for County Assessor**

This resolution establishes a designated assessor in Genesee County as required before December 31, 2020. All municipalities have been asked to sign this resolution appointing Stacey Kaake as the Genesee County Designated Assessor. There was discussion about when and if this assessor would be needed by the township.

**MOTION BY ELKINS, SECOND BY SHIELDS** to adopt Resolution #2020-23 as presented. Roll call: Yes- Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2020-22 Setting Cemetery Rates for Burial of Cremains**

Mr. Elkins suggested adjusting the cost of cremain burials to reflect the increase in rising costs. He did some investigation on prices for other local cemeteries and is recommending \$370 on weekday burials and \$470 on weekend burials.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY MILLER** to adopt Resolution #2020-22 as presented. Roll call: Yes- Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell. Motion carried.

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**Ordinance #12-4**

Mr. Lattie reported that our labor attorney has recommended clarification within Section 1 of the ordinance. This section addresses retiree health, dental and vision coverage for those hired or elected before July 1, 2017, but did not clearly define how the ordinance should work when an employee or elected official retires or leaves office. There was discussion about coverage for surviving spouses and dependents at the time of termination of employment. The board felt that additional language about what happens with coverage for a surviving spouse and dependents should be added.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to approve Ordinance #12-4 with recommended language additions as presented. Roll call: Yes- Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr. Motion carried.

**Veterans Court of Honor Project**

Mr. Elkins suggested installing a replacement statue for the water globe feature due to the problems it has had over the years. He recommended a bronze Eagle perched on a globe in its stead. There was discussion about the options of the statue. Mr. Miller offered free labor to construct the base of the project.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY HOWELL** to allocate not more than \$4,000 towards the Veterans Court of Honor project as recommended. Roll call: Yes- Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

**Snow Plowing Contract/Equipment Purchase**

Casey presented the board with options for snow removal on Black Creek Trail and Irish Road Path as follows:

1. Don't do it. No longer offer snow removal in these areas.
2. Continue to do the snow removal with the Parks Department truck and plow, knowing this will jeopardize the integrity and life of the trail that was just resurfaced. Therefore, the life of the trail will not be as long.
3. Contract out the snow removal to a company who has the proper machinery to do the job that will not jeopardize the trail's integrity.
4. Purchase the proper machinery to do the snow removal in-house. The machinery could then be used for multiple tasks as well as replace the current vehicles that are aging and in need of major repair. Funding is available in this cost center as the trail repair came in under budget.

The board discussed the different possibilities and proper maintenance of the snow removal as well as what is the warranty on the proposed purchase. Mr. Howell stated he was not comfortable purchasing a large-ticket item; he feels the new board should make this decision. Mrs. Shields concurs with that thinking.

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**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY MILLER** to approve the purchase of a Kubota RTV Utility Vehicle from Flint New Holland for a total cost of \$19,835 as presented. Roll call: Yes- Elkins, Karr, Miller. No- Howell, Shields. Motion carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Pat said he enjoyed the time working with the board, 16 years goes by fast. He was disappointed as anyone would be because there were a lot of things that he wanted to transpire and he hoped that everyone would revolve around the new board that comes in. He trusts the new elected officials would rely on the personnel that they have in place and not try to fix something that is not broken. We have the best employees in this township. We are debt free, turning the corner and don't need things fixed just because. It has been a pleasure.

Cindy thanked Mr. Lattie for his support and encouragement for the past 6 years. Davison Township is very fortunate to have you for legal counsel. To the board members: It has been an honor and the board has accomplished a great deal to enhance the quality of life for Davison Township residents. She thanked her husband for his help and support. To the new board you don't know what you don't know, learn the big picture and remember small decisions affect that big picture. Give yourself time to grasp this and proceed with caution. You have a great staff in all departments with extensive knowledge and experience; a police force with a long-standing reputation for excellence; a superior Fire Department; and the busiest Senior Center in the county and they are all depending on your leadership. I wish you much success going forward.

Matt said congratulations to the newly elected officials, I hope we can all work together to do what is best for this community. Pat you have always been a great asset, trying to save us money, have great ideas and it has been a pleasure. Cindy you are the nuts and bolts of this township. You have had the hardest job and you are sure good at it. I hope the new elected official realizes just how hard a job you have and how many hours you have to put in to be a good Clerk. Tim your enthusiasm, go getter attitude, your ideas and what you had in place for the future will be missed. Travis whatever you have in store for the future you will accomplish it.

Travis said he was grateful for the opportunity and helpfulness of all the staff and elected officials. It was a great experience and he will be glad to pass it on to his kids and participate in all township activities. He is happy to be a part of this community. He is excited to see what the new board has in store.

David Lattie said it has been an absolute pleasure working with this board and the dedication to the job and the community is fantastic. Term in and term out the people that have served on the township board have been high quality and good for the community.

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Tim said it has been a privilege working with all of you and is happy with all the accomplishments that have been made. He hopes the new board will be able to work through their dreams and hopes for the township. Looking at all the things that have been done, it has been fun and an honor. He thanked his fellow board members.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY ELKINS** to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:16 pm to discuss police tactics and a written Attorney opinion. Roll call: Yes- Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY ELKINS** to reconvene at 8:45 pm. Roll call: Yes- Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

**Proposed Police Capital Outlay Equipment Purchase**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY HOWELL** to approve the Police Department Purchase Request not to exceed \$16,000. Roll call: Yes- Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell. Motion carried.

**Proposed 2020-2021 Budget Amendment**

Tim presented a budget amendment to show the increase in police department revenue which was a result of CARES Act reimbursement for hazard pay. The budget amendment also includes a Police Capital Outlay-Equipment increase of \$16,000. The net gain for the police department budget is \$6,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

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Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor