

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY
NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Slezak
Mo Aboneaaj
Zak Hawley
Kurtis McMahan
Jackie Hoist

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Stefanko
Tom Wright
Attorney David Lattie

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Davison Township DDA was called to order on November 9, 2021 at 9:02 A.M. at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. Roll Call – Jim Slezak; Mo Aboneaaj; Zak Hawley; Kurtis McMahan; Jackie Hoist. Pledge of Allegiance was sited.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Mr. Slezak asked to the election of the new officers and add under new business one extra mowing for the freeway entry.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HOIST to adopt the November 9, 2021 agenda with amendment to add one extra mowing for both freeway entry. Motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HOIST to appoint Zak Hawley as Chair. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN to appoint Jackie Hoist as Vice Chair. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HOIST to appoint Kurtis McMahan as Secretary. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY HAWLEY; SECOND BY SLEZAK to appoint Mo Aboneaaj as Treasurer. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HOIST to adopt the minutes from March 2, 2021

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VIA Zoom. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD BILLS

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HAWLEY to approve the board bills from April, May, June, July, August, September and October 2021 for \$127,641.07 with \$319,174.28 in the bank. Motion carried unanimously.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

Revenues \$106,967.85

Expenditures \$ -9,071.15

Total Balance \$ 97,896.70

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was opened at 9:08 A.M. and there were no comments. Closed at 9:08 A.M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. IMPROVE DDA – Hawley discussed ways on to improve the DDA; mocking the same as the way as Fenton has done with theirs.
- B. CONSUMERS FOR ELDERLY – Slezak discussed on giving gift cards to seniors from Consumers.
- C. MORE MEETINGS – We need to have more meetings during the year.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HOIST to amend the agenda with adding the budget and bills to be paid to the agenda. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Shop with a Hero – Slezak spoke with Police Chief doing it Downtown Davison, last year was Downtown Davison; discussed amounts; how many kids; usually 20 kids at \$150 a kid; thinking there is going to be more this year; they have their child, but if the child is more needy more food support along with gifts. Hoist – it is our Township Police. Slezak – yes. Hawley – based on the number of kids you presented as of right now, \$3,000 is not a bad number; lets get the budget before we set a definite price.

MOTION BY HAWLEY, SECOND BY MCMAHAN to approve **up to** \$5,000.00 for shopping with a hero. Roll Call – Slezak – yes; Aboneaaj – yes; Hawley – yes; McMahan – yes; Hoist – yes. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Aboneaaj – you spoke about allocating some of those funds to help with food; would \$200.00 be a better number; or \$150.00?

Slezak – they used to do \$100.00; which did not do much; so, they bumped it up some; lot of family's are in need.

Hawley – we are throwing in a little extra now than before.

Hoist – would this be combined with Meals?

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Hawley – no that would be separate.

Meals for Thanksgiving & Christmas – Slezak – spoke with Jan and she said they usually are left with a lot of food and they just want money; people were coming in and saying they don't want the food they want the money.

Hoist – maybe they get food assistance and that don't help buy cleaning supplies, etc.

McMahan – not regulated.

Slezak – you can't tell what they use it on.

Hoist – if we gave them gift cards for Meijer, Kroger, VG's.

Slezak – I asked if they could do only the Township residents so that way the money is with the residents of the Township.

Hoist – I'm going to throw out a tenth of our income; is there a limit we can put towards Good-Will?

Hawley – Lattie would have to speak on that.

Slezak – not to go big, if we can do this, we can do this throughout the year.

Hawley – colder months is when we see the most; another \$5000.00 towards that to split between the meals and consumers cards is too hefty?

Slezak – I don't think it is

McMahan – with our budget I don't think it is; but I would like to see the whole township not just a select few; \$10,000 would be just fine; I'm a giving person.

Discuss helping Senior's with Financial Assistance - give Consumer's gift cards to help.

MOTION BY HAWLEY, SECOND BY HOIST to add another \$5,000 for the Consumers gift cards and the meals for a total of \$10,000. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Car Cruise for VG's & John's – Slezak discussed that he was approached by John's and was asked if we would be more of a sponsor to help out; VG's helps out but John's puts more in for that day on what they spend; this would be just a donation; that the DDA helped out; maybe our name on the board; we can bring this back up later; do we want to be a sponsor of the big car cruise of the year.

Hawley – get the name out there; we are not looking for any recognition; just want the residents know that this is what the DDA does; help with the community.

Slezak – can get with Gary Gould about what we plan on doing.

McMahan – if we are going to do this, we need to allocate a little more for advertising.

Hoist – we need to set aside a percent for these items that come up; we need to have a form filled out so that way they can't go out and say we just pick who we like; does it benefit the township.

Hawley – you have to fill out a simple form and will eliminate about 50% of them just wanting money.

Slezak – yes, it will eliminate a few that just don't want to fill out the forms.

Aboneaaj - \$600 is money well spent; we do have plenty of time; to get exposure or increase that we are giving back to our community; to see the turn out is a great feeling; covid friendly; if we want to pad that we could do that.

DDA MEMBER FORM UPDATE – Slezak – would like to have the form filled out and let us

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know how you want to be contacted; tough to get a hold of people; some don't reach back out.

McMahan – they have group apps that we can use; quick text; I wouldn't mind setting that up; just need the information from these forms; just get a list of names and cell phones.

Hawley – Jami can get you that.

INFROMATIONAL ITEMS

Extra mowing – Zak – D&M needed 10 mowing this year but we only estimated 9; \$2,200 for the additional mowing.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY HAWLEY to approve the extra \$2,200 for the one extra mowing. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Hoist – are you thinking about \$10,000 annually?

Slezak – no, it is around \$20,000.

Hawley – this helps if they need to help fill the ruts.

Slezak – depends on the weather.

Hoist – if we can get a program for beautification; I would like to see the business hire someone for their landscape; I would like to see if we could possibly help with that cost.

Hawley – take some of the money we have and do some of the hardscape like Clio Rd off the express way.

McMahan – that will be a million dollars right there.

Slezak – we could put it out for bids.

Hoist – Wade Trim maybe can give us advise on how to get grants or steer us in the right area.

Aboneaaj – there are quite a few landscaping places out there, we need to make sure we get a reputable one.

Slezak – I can get with Matt Place and discuss this with him to get a hold of Wade Trim.

Hawley – one thing I would like to is have more frequent meetings; going nine months between meetings will not help; not ever month but at least ever other or quarter; so we can keep things moving in the right direction.

McMahan – I think one hour a month is not bad; prioritize what we want to tackle first.

Slezak – Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

McMahan – 9 works perfect for me.

Hawley – I'm good with that.

Aboneaaj – I'm available.

Hoist – that works for me as well.

Slezak – reach out to Hawley and send them to him or you can send them to Jami and she will send them to me.

Hoist – maybe hire a DDA Director if we need part-time if it becomes overwhelming.

Aboneaaj – that is forward thinking and I like that.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Hawley – what are some updates that is going on in the Township?

Slezak – Hamlin's Pub; Delta Tire; Dairy Queen; lots of interest in the lots by Meijer; next year Lapeer Rd expansion to three lanes, which is needed; phase two will hopefully go to Lucky's and phase three go past the high school entrance; help with traffic flow; if we get the grants.

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Hawley – reconstruct the bridge?

Slezak – no, not as of right now; expansion on Irish Rd past Lipincott.

Hawley – every business that comes in we get a piece of that.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN to adjourn at 10:01 A.M. All favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Kurtis McMahan – DDA Secretary