

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Jim Slezak, Treasurer Tim Green, Trustee Lori Tallman, Trustee Matthew Karr

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Harris

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

Building Official Matt Place

Attorney David Lattie

Recording Secretary Jami Vert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Planning/Zoning Admin. Charm Healy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Travis Howell, Mo Aboneaaj, Laura Bobowski, Ross Martello, Lee Lavictor

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. A roll call was done and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY GREEN** to adopt the June 14, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve the May 10, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented with the correction of Mary Miller's resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve the May 21, 2021 special board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve the May 27, 2021 budget workshop meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve the June 4, 2021 clerk interview minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Green gave the Treasurer's Report for May 2021 with the total revenues of \$791,810.57. He stated that we are at 80.84% of the General Budget and 82.32% of the Water & Sewer Budget, which is good for this point of the fiscal year. Tim also mentioned they are very efficient for the Township and leaving the drive-thru open permanently, along with walk in;

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implementing in the Fall mail in taxes to Chase Bank.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK** to approve the May 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD EXPENDITURES**

Mr. Slezak gave the board expenditure report for May 7, 2021 through June 9, 2021 with the total expenses of \$1,997,936.45.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve payment of the Board Expenditures as presented. Roll call: Yes- Green, Karr, Tallman, Slezak. Motion carried.

Karr – discussion on credit for recycling not being picked up for about a month

Slezak – discussion on monetary this year; or credit next year

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Supervisor – Representative Dave Martin honored retiring Police Chief Rick Freeman with a plaque

Clerk – None

Treasurer's – See Treasurer's Report

Police – New police officer Dexter was hired; good things he has already heard about the new hire; turn it over in tip-top shape

Parks & Rec. – Lake Callis is busy; Festival of Flags went great - weather was good, great turn out and kids had a blast; almost all rentals are booked; adventure days; plant sales; congratulates Chief Rick Freeman; best luck

Planning/Zoning – None

Building – Place stated they had 28 building permits; construction cost of \$2,332,576.00; revenue of \$25,723; 11 new homes; hopes housing will continue to boom but with the cost of lumber, it may slow; congratulates retiring Chief Rick Freeman

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period opened at 7:12 P.M.

Laura Bobowski – 11122 E Atherton Road - appeal on the property; zoning approved a pole barn that is going to be extremely loud; date should be correct when asked to be able to come to the meeting; never got response back; put something in place; send letters out; Karr – what is going on; Laura – building a pole barn; not a necessity; don't need to put in front of the house; Lattie – variance are sent out to residents within 300 feet; time-to-time meetings get adjourned; a letter was sent out; don't have to send out another letter; staff refer residents to planning and zoning for any questions; Place – formal recognition was read aloud at the meeting; Lattie – process did work; Laura - is there a way to appeal an appeal; Lattie – you have to prove it will affect

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you; Genesee County is where you need to go to appeal

Ross Martello – 8111 Ohara Drive – speak on behalf of Travis Howell; was not sure what the clerk does; thinks Travis would be a good fit; works hard; good at communicating; cares about his community

Lee Lavictor – 4040 N Irish Road – support Travis Howell; served with Travis; family first; true supporter of the community

Jamie Hartwell – 7204 Popplewood Drive – supports Travis Howell; if I don't understand something he will explain it; helps out the community

The public comment period was closed at 7:25 P.M.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution for Retiring Chief of Police Rick Freeman**

Slezak read aloud the resolution; Karr thanks him for his years of service; Tallman thanks him for his service as well; Green stated that Chief would come over to check on the other side of the department and thanks him for his years of dedication; Slezak thanks him as well for all he has done with the community and keep the community safe, appreciates everything you do.

**Appoint candidate for Clerk's Position**

Slezak - had multiple emails; phone calls from around Davison Township for the support of two of the candidates; I have some against both candidates being the Clerk; not going to read all; don't feel to go that route; know as the board we are behind the residents

Lattie - do discussion before you vote; makes it easier

Karr – responsible to pick a qualified candidate; lost some good people in the clerks department; don't need any more disruption; limit the disruption; Travis would be most qualified

Green – most qualified candidate; looked at all four candidates; we have accomplished a lot since being appointed to the board; Mo would be most qualified

Tallman – new to the board; serving the community; thanks all four candidates; applicants are not friends today, they are applicants; customer service; involved in community is what we need; I am following the voters and Travis would be most qualified

Slezak – residents stopped and talked to myself about both candidates; talked to the residents; known both candidates for long period of time; business back ground would be greatly helpful; Mo would be most qualified

Lattie – now we have a blessing and a curse; break the tie; county will set and choose the candidates for nominations; township will pay for it; motion, second and vote you don't want to go through endless rounds of this; additional comments

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Slezak – both candidates will run again; both candidates love their community; big responsibility

Tallman – we are here to serve the community; value the individual of all boards; Travis is the best candidate

Karr – if we don't make a decision now, we need to by July 14<sup>th</sup>

Lattie – dead line is July 14<sup>th</sup>; election is not the way; if we don't appoint, county steps in for a special November election; the county will put the party to the vote; tonight, is not the dead line

Green – we need to have someone picked we can't move forward

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to appoint Travis Howell as Clerk. Roll call – Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green – no; Slezak – no; Motion does not carry.

**MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY SLEZAK** to appoint Mo Aboneaaj as Clerk. Roll call – Tallman – no; Karr – no; Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Motion does not carry.

Lattie – voting – dead lock; issue, additional discussion; potential; no formal debate; explore other avenues; policy making; elections; discuss questions

Tallman – who qualifies; pros and cons; lots of equal marks; comes down to intangible; ability either one can do it; Travis lost only by 11 votes; Travis still continues to show up

Karr – votes in 15 months; clerks would be comfortable with Travis; not a lot of learning

Green – business side; Slezak and myself could work close with Mo; Mo has proven track record; Mo would ask the board for their recommendation as to the Deputy; where as Travis would just go with what he wants; clerks department would work with either one; best candidate

Slezak – similar yes; short term; long term goals; experience; work experience; works with public daily; business oriented; helps community out

Tallman – strongly disagree not a financial institution; we don't need finance; private sector; still need help

**MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR** to appoint Travis Howell as Clerk. Roll call - Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green – no; Slezak – no. Motion does not carry.

Lattie – dead line is July 14, 2021; something has to happen; do you want to adjourn at a later date; need to agree on a different time or date

Slezak – digest all the information

Lattie – schedule at a later date on a normal time; don't make a decision unless all are present; add this to a special meeting

Slezak – Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Tallman – would like to work with either candidate; believes both candidates can do the

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job; thanks for coming

**MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to appoint a Clerk contingent to all members being present. Motion carried.

**Approve MERS payment for Retirement Pension for Police**

Slezak – will need \$218,000.00 for this

**MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve the MERS payment for Retirement Pension for Police as presented. Roll Call – Tallman – yes; Karr- yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve MERS payment for Retirement Pension for Administrative Staff**

Slezak – will need \$729,000.00 for this

**MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR** to approve the MERS payment for Retirement Pension for Administrative Staff. Roll Call – Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green – yes; Slezak - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Budget Amendment – Supervisor’s Department for 2020/2021**

Slezak – revisit; add to special meeting with correct dollar number

**Approve Senior Center’s Budget 2021/2022**

Tallman – amount not changing from township; Senior Center fully open July 1, 2021; contributions from the Township, City, and Richfield of \$400.00 each; office furniture; no security system cameras there; couple issues; salary provide increase for all; comparison wages and benefits; still on the low side; need new vehicle

Slezak – how old is the vehicle

Tallman – usage and mileage dropped; other issues came up upon inspections; screen off passenger area

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK** to approve the Senior Center’s budget 2021/2022. Roll Call – Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Change Township Meeting Time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Slezak – set this to a later date for discussion; possibly set for July regular board meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR** TO ADJOURN AT 8:41 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Alma Gay, Deputy Clerk

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Jim Slezak, Supervisor