

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 21, 2021**

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

Attorney David Lattie

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Deputy Chief of Police Jerry Harris

Lieutenant Jay Rendon

Building Official Matt Place

Recording Secretary Jami Vert

MEMBERS ABSENT: Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Denise Wagner, Norman Fischer, Cindy Shields, Michael Shayne,
Nate Eashoo, Mo Aboneaaj, Travis Howell

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 pm 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 GREEN, SECOND BY TALLMAN to adopt the June 21, 2021 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 7:01 pm

Denise Wagner – 2469 Solarwood Davison, MI – has not been to many meetings; Travis was defeated by 11 votes; could have asked for a recount; we in trust Travis to succeed; he is not politically motivated

Norman Fischer – 2216 Oak Shade Dr Davison, MI – 35-year resident; Travis was never elected; he was appointed to be on the board; residents picked Mary Miller; lets see if he can get elected this time around

Cindy Shields – 10227 Primrose Dr Davison, MI – long time resident; challenging tasks; support Travis; Travis understands how the board works; both will need training; Travis is highly organized

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Michael Shayna – 12258 Lapeer Rd Davison, MI – veteran; board knows what to do; if not elected but appointed we have a problem with that

Nate Eashoo – 1507 Grander Rd Davison, MI – difficult decision; Mo could handle this opportunity; man of ethics; strongest fit for the job

Mo Aboneaaj – 8509 Omar Dr Davison, MI – thanks for all the support; thanks the board; interviewed in front of the public not just the board; nothing comes easy; helped support a branch; embarrassing if the township has to absorb the cost

Travis Howell – 7180 Lebanon Trail Davison, MI – my family’s home for 12 years; countless opportunity; volunteers; board has a tough decision; thanks for the opportunity

Slezak – summarized emails and phone calls in support of both candidates; positive by all

The public comment period was closed at 7:25 pm

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Fire Budget 2021-2022

Davison Richfield Area Fire Authority 2020-2021 Budget with the Townships portion for fire runs being \$415,901.85

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to approve to adopt the Davison Richfield Area Fire Authority Budget with the change of 2021-2022. Roll Call: Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

F.O.I.A Police

To uphold the denial for the F.O.I.A for the Police Department

Lattie – uphold the denial

Karr – yes

Freeman – gave what we had; none criminal; no police report was done; gave daily log; false that we did not hand over all the evidence

Harris – correct; we handed everything over that involved this case

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to approve to uphold the denial for the F.O.I.A. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Property and Liability Insurance up for renewal 2021-2022 (Presentation by Brian Steckroth)

Steckroth – spoke on behalf of the company and how we could save the Township money and not lose any coverage we have already

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Slezak – comparable to what we have

Steckroth – a little better than what you have now

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the Property and Liability Insurance as presented.

Tallman – ask Chief about concerns

Chief Freeman – first hearing of this; no time to digest; welfare to my crew; was not communicated with; unknowns

Slezak – company was compared apples to apples; same coverage; talked with other municipalities; every year should have been looked at; placed to do a job; look at everything

Green – everything was matched; increased expenses; trying to save the township money; city of Davison recommended them highly

Freeman – done without consulting; we were always brought in; not arguing the numbers; please include in further

Tallman – has the utmost respect for MML; need time to review; need to get input from the department heads; need time to digest the information

Slezak – not tabling

Karr – need to

Green – new Chief can look it over

Slezak – MML add to the June 28, 2021 agenda

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY GREEN to add to the June 28, 2021 agenda.

Approve Health Insurance for Retiree’s for 2021-2022 (Presentation by Jack Schmitz)

Approve Proposal for Employees (Dental, Vision, Short Term Care, Long Term Care, Life Insurance)

Approve Agent Change of Record to Jack Schmitz for Health Insurance for Employees

Schmitz – spoke on behalf of the company; explained the benefits of all three for Retiree’s, Employees, and agent change of record; slide show presentation was given; showing the savings and out of cost pocket; talked about not losing doctors; big advantage for retiree’s

Tallman – is humana all over; nationwide; mail order available

Green – why \$11,000 - \$3,000

Schmitz – not a lot of competition; humana is getting better; less out of pocket

Green – will this go up in three years’ time

Schmitz – humana 4%-5% increase over time

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Tallman – enrollment

Schmitz – letter mail to retiree’s

Lattie – decisions; check with labor contracts

Slezak – 3.5 months to start for retiree’s; notify the retiree’s

Schmitz – the risk and benefits to the retiree’s

Slezak – will not make a motion on the three topics as of yet; just discussion right now what the cost savings could possibly be

NO MOTION WAS MADE to approve the Health Insurance for Retiree’s for 2021-2022; to approve the proposal for Employees (Dental, Vision, Short Term Care, Long Term Care, Life Insurance); to approve Agent Change of Record to Jack Schmitz for Health Insurance for Employees.

Appoint Clerk’s Position

Slezak – speaking about candidates; more calls than emails; appreciate everyone that came in; phone, email, store; job is 24/7; thank you; board can not have discussion outside board room; appreciate both candidates for speaking; great township; township will be better in long run

Green – both employees in the clerks have banking background; says we are like, did not say we are a financial institution; experience

Tallman – appreciate everyone; taking the time to reach out; what are the concerns of the township; reflections; I feel like I am making the right decision

Lattie – 45 days from the day of resignation to appoint or the county takes over

Tallman – cost is a concern; maybe election might be possible; other options; coming back to not a revolving door; wants re-elected concrete totals; still the same for Travis

Karr – not much to add; Travis is who I am sticking with; hope the county would honor us to pick Travis/Mo to put in the election

Slezak – don’t see anything changing; still have a little bit more time to make final decision; everyone needs to reflect more; can’t have meeting without residents; recommend to sit down one on one with each board member; need that sooner than later

NO MOTION WAS MADE to approve the Clerk’s Position.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Clerk

Jim Slezak, Supervisor