

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2021**

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

Chief of Police Jay Rendon

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

Building Official Matt Place

Attorney David Lattie

Deputy Chief Jerry Harris

Recording Secretary Jami Vert

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Randall Stewart, Rhonda Clark, Dale Miller, Tim Elkins, Wanda Mitchell, Rick Freeman, Sue Johns, Jim Morey, Kenneth Herman, Pat Miller

CALL TO ORDER

The regular 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 KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK to adopt the August 9, 2021 agenda with the following changes; item G be removed from the agenda and that a closed session be added to the end in regards to a written Attorney correspondence and also that we move the presentation (letter H up to A) as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the July 12, 2021 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green gave the Treasurer's Report for July 2021 with the total revenues of \$1,543,194.66. Budget for General expenditure year to date is \$121,783.24; expended only 1.42%; Budget for Water and Sewer expenditure year to date is \$7,950.00; expended only 0.11%.

MOTION BY KARR; SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the July 2021 Treasurer's Report

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as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Slezak gave the Board Expenditures Report for July10, 2021 through August 8, 2021 with the total expenses of \$1,886,562.63.

MOTION BY KARR; SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve payment of the Board Expenditures as presented. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update – none to report right now

Police Update – all is well in the department; August 18, 2021 from 6-8 P.M. cones with cops at Mayberry; September 3, 2021 at 9 A.M. coffee with cops at the Davison Senior Center; bicycle patrol will be out hitting the streets this week

Parks Update – super busy summer; month of July at least 80 rentals; movie at the beach coming up; food truck with Whaley's; Trick or Treat drive through coming up soon

Building Update – for July issued 30 building permits; construction value of \$1,374,994.00; revenue cost of \$16,964.00.

NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION BY JACK SCHMITZ

Jack spoke with the Retiree's about the Health Care Benefits; he stated that the Township could save substantial amount of money by switching providers coverage; without the possible loss of coverage; Jack had a speaker Todd from Humana to explain what Humana could do; Todd stated that they are trying to match the benefits or improve with cost savings to the Township; they stated you have to ask the right questions when calling your current doctor about Humana; you want to ask them if they are willing to bill Humana; want to cut cost for out of pocket for Retiree's; Todd stated that copays are a little better with Humana; Jack stated that with the dental if switching to Standard there is no waiting period for dental work; 2 year rate guarantee; vision benefits would be the same, the Township just saves more money; which is better for the Township; talked about the Life/AD &D; would give line of duty benefits; short term will hold rate for 3 years; same for long term; free employee assistance program – no charge to the township; 3 free face to face services, phone calls

Slezak – stated that he would like to schedule a meeting on August 24, 2021 at 10:00 A.M to meet with Retiree's one on one along with the Reps to go over the coverage and ask any questions; not moving forward until we get all questions answered; I see the savings; hopefully this was done every year previous; can the Retiree's or anyone that wants to come please make sure you leave your phone number so we can reach out to you if the day changes

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The public comment period opened at 7:26 P.M.

Randall Stewart – 4090 Barker Dr, Clio, MI – is this tied to active employees; your intent to separate the Retiree's into their own

Jack – you have a different plan than active; exception 65 and over; Medicare is paying first then Blue Cross will pay the other portion; early disabled; if not 65 you stay with what you are at; if you or your spouse is not 65 but the other spouse, is you will still stay with the active

Randall – we are tied with the active; if we separate, what guarantee will we have

Slezak – talking over the contracts with Gouri to find out; she has to look back on the previous talks;

Jack – keep cost down and keep benefits up; if you keep getting increases your benefits will decrease; save township money to be able to give richer benefits

Rhonda Clark – 1461 Westbury, Davison, MI – just to clarify if we are under 65 and not on Medicare we are going to stay on the same plan as active

Jack – yes; if you are under 65 correct; over 65 Medicare takes over first

Dale Miller – 7422 Henderson Rd, Goodrich, MI – Retired; did some phone calls to our doctors that we use; they don't take Humana; they won't take it; they told us; referrals are unreal; my wife had the big C word three times; my wife will not change doctors nor hospitals

Jack – you need to educate on how you ask the doctor offices/hospitals

Todd – educate on how you ask them; I reached out to the billing departments they are willing to bill Humana; and we are an in and out of network benefit; when you call them you have to ask them if you are willing to bill Humana;

Dale – would like to see all that in writing

Todd – are willing to help transition of care; help navigate with changing insurance

Dale – none of the hospitals around us take Humana; we have had to many run arounds

Todd – we do have coverage; give you, my card; call anytime

Slezak – we are looking at everything; nothing is changing today; just talks right now; want to make it right with the Township; fiscally responsible for the Township; looking out for what is best for all; not take away from

Jack – we are trying to help with money saving for the Township and not take away benefits for the Retiree's or any employee

Karr – what happens if someone comes into the hospital and has to pull out his new insurance card and say bill them; what if they don't take it

Todd – you are wanting to ask if you are willing to bill Humana; we will educate you on what to say

Tallman – what is stopping the doctor from saying from 2 years that we are not willing to

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bill Humana

Todd – under Medicare they can deny or accept to pay at anytime

Tim Elkins – 2192 Valley Vista Dr, Davison, MI – that is incorrect; Blue Cross and Blue Shield is a supplement; option to accept or deny the coverage

Todd – appreciate everything you are saying; but a doctor can say they are not accepting a patient

Tallman – deny coverage; deny that they will not bill; pay out of pocket or find a new doctor; that is just not Medicare; what happens if after a couple times they decide not to bill

Tim Elkins - – look into the ordinances; do your research beforehand; look over union contracts before opening the can of worms; you will not be getting anywhere with this; you just brought a bunch of people here to make them mad

Wanda Mitchell – 8410 Oakshade Dr, Davison, MI – this board brings to the Township to save money for all; don't complain about the insurance you have as some don't have insurance; don't be so verbally abusive and apologize

Rick Freeman – 9368 Isabella Dr, Davison, MI – hope in the future that we have better communication; quick presentation and move forward on the insurance; sorry your upset with the insurance that we are fighting for; our employees are defending what is going on

Tallman – would ask that we make a couple of days and times both morning and evening; I would like to be able to sit in on those meetings

Slezak – we can have just two board members

Karr – why can't all of us be there

Lattie – you will want to have on the agenda that it is a discussion topic; to accommodate three or more board members be present

Slezak – did you have alternative date or time

Tallman – no, just request we get advanced notice of different times and days; morning appointments and evening so they can pick what works best for them

Freeman – we need to have your contact information before you leave (Jack and Todd)

Sue Johns – 2402 Blarney Dr, Davison, MI – I don't have a pony in this race, just take care of my parents; huge change is tough; lots of educating; don't want another bill to pay; work in baby steps; appreciate the board letting us be here tonight; more discussion needs to happen

Jim Morey – 1298 N Cummings Rd, Davison, MI – wants the address for the rezoning

Kenneth Herman – 7208 E Bristol Rd – paramedic RN for almost 18 years; comment on the agreement that the Township entered in; choice that was made with the best of intention

Slezak – the contract has not started until the 911 is discussed

Kenneth – you will see extended response time; lowest paid in the country for EMS;

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increase response time due to the lack of employment; nationwide problem; MEDSTAR will not be able to cover the contract as they can not cover the ones they already have; MEDSTAR can't cover their counties they have now; once prior have I only heard county say we have no ambulance clear if you have one; I am only worried about the closet ambulance that will be there; skip over the issue of the contract as of right now if the contract has not been signed

Slezak – you can come into my office to discuss more; call my office to set up time

Kenneth – I would like to come in and discuss this issue; room for improvement – yes; don't sign into that contract; best of intention

Pat Miller – 7235 Sherwood, Davison, MI – introduce myself as the Democratic party that was nominated by Genesee County Democratic Party; years of experience; bring back integrity

The public comment period was closed at 8:05 P.M.

APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FOR REZONING OF 71-ACRE PARCEL; PARCEL #25-05-03-100-021; CASE #16-RZ-95

Matt – Planning Commission has recommended this rezoning based on the following reasons:

1. This parcel abuts an agriculturally zoned parcel to the east; this area is still substantially zoned agricultural
2. The rezoning to an agricultural district would have a low impact on the environment and the surrounding residents

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the recommendation for rezoning of 71-acre parcel; parcel #25-05-03-100-021; case #16-RZ-95. Roll Call; Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE AMENDED ORDINANCE NO:61-1

Matt – back in 2015 the township approved the GAMP ordinance; along with that they mistakenly took the pasture out of the ordinance; it was removed; after speaking with Lattie he recommended create a new ordinance

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve amended ordinance NO: 61-1. Roll Call: Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPT NEW COMPLAINT POLICY

Slezak – basically what it is with the form; when someone calls in a complaint or comes in they will have to fill this complaint form out; we have multiple, multiple calls and we go out and nothing is out

Matt – we go out on a lot of ghost calls – referring to nothing is wrong; our department takes a lot of abuse; they can file a FIOA request to see whom made the complaint

Slezak – one of the residents came to the door with hand on gun, not saying they were going to use it, but we need to be safe; they wanted to know who complained; we want legit

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complaints to be called in; residents say they are going to call in others if they get called on

Tallman – we don't disclose the information if they call

Matt – only if they do a FIOA will they get the information

Miller – can you redact the information

Slezak – other communities around us are doing the same form

Lattie – I understand Miller's question; I don't think we can redact the complaint

Tallman – what do we do when they call us; refer them to the Township

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to adopt new complaint policy. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT

Slezak – this one we didn't have it was \$2,400 in the budget should have been \$2,700; budget line item 101.171.723.004

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR to approve budget amendment from \$2,400 to the new proposed \$2,700 on line item 101.171.723.004. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE GENESEE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
– AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE CARD**

Slezak – we have two old board members on it and we need to add two new board members on

Tallman – I know there is typically two

Karr – usually we have the supervisor and the clerk

Slezak – I had to sign a couple that required two signatures and some are one

Tallman – I'm fine with this as long as we give it back to the Supervisor and Clerk when we get a clerk in place to keep it the same

Lattie – we usually see this in November; they usually give you a week or two turn around

Tallman – revisit in November

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve Jim Slezak and Tim Green as authorized signatures. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE REQUEST TO START ARCHITECTURAL PROPOSAL FOR NEW DAVISON TOWNSHIP AND
POLICE FACILITY**

Slezak – this is for Gazall and associates to begin phase 1 drawing basically a new building for the Township; did budget for this; line item is 101.248.970.000; the money is there for this; our building is need of updates; future repairs in the next 3 years which will total over \$500,000; we have had water in the police department; we had an exterminator look over the outside and

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stated that we could possibly have racoons coming in as long as other animals; safety issues, there are no locks on any doors; people can get to any of the offices; bathrooms – we have public bathrooms that the employees use as well; to start looking into the process of a new building

Tallman – wants the architects speak with each of the board members and department heads

Slezak – they are wanting to sit down with everyone that works here, not just board members; they want the flow so they want everyone’s input

Karr – I’m okay with the plan, but I am not committed to building a new building

Slezak – this has been in the works for years from previous supervisors; not tax payer

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve the start of the proposal for phase one with the amount of \$15,000 that has already been budgeted. Roll Call: Green – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously

RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE FOR RECREATION COORDINATOR POSITION

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to go into closed session to discuss a written recommendation. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session began 8:30 P.M./Closed session stopped at 8:47 P.M.

MOTION BY TALLMAN; SECOND BY KARR to approve the hiring of Brianna Talaska for the Recreation Coordinator Position at \$17.50/hr and Rebecca Walton to increase the secretary’s wage to \$18.40/hr and revise her duties to Recreation Coordinator Naturalist Position. Roll Call: Green – no; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman - yes

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR TO ADJOURN AT 8:52 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jim Slezak, Supervisor