

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Jim Slezak, Treasurer Tim Green, Clerk Patrick Miller, Trustee Lori Tallman, Trustee Matt Karr

Chief of Police Jay Rendon

Building Official Matt Place

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

Attorney David Lattie

Recording Secretary Jami Vert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Deputy Chief Jerry Harris

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mark Corkins, Lindsey Spiewak, Glenn Vallance, Mike Benjamin, John Novak, Kelly Starr, Jim Morey

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Davison Township Board was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY KARR** to adopt the January 10, 2022, agenda with board appointment to Fire Authority; add executive session on computer policy before 12A and ARPA Funding. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve the December 13, 2021, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve the December 13, 2021, closed session board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: total income for general is \$1,607,013.71; water and sewer are \$680,215.19; tax is \$2,765,965.30; with total receipts of \$5,053,194.20; budgeted for fiscal year 2021/2022 for general is \$8,511,533.00 – expended year-to-date is \$3,349,255.87; water and sewer are \$7,114,991.00 – expended year-to-date is \$3,248,047.12.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve Treasurer's Report as

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presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES**

Miller – what we are paying for the township to be cleaned a month is \$2,090.00, that is a total of around \$25,000 for the year; that is too high.

Slezak – the other ones were higher.

Miller – do we take up bids for that?

Slezak – I did before.

Miller – we should; we never paid that much before; police have 2 gals doing it for \$300.00 a month; I know it is not the same; cut back on cleaning hall; bathrooms don't get used by the public.

Tallman – would like to get another one; senior center going through this; it is expensive; hard to find people to clean; not a big fan of employees doing that; other options.

Slezak – comparing December Blue Cross Blue Shield was \$25,000, this year \$29,000, \$4,000 increase; active was \$41,000, now \$47,000; now we are at a \$10,000 increase per month; we need to look at that; any suggestion or help with that would be greatly appreciated.

Karr – that shouldn't say retirees?

Slezak – no, it should say active.

Tallman – is it something that can be addressed for the actives in negotiations?

Slezak – it can, we can go through all that, not a problem.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve board expenditures to reflect changing the retiree to actives. Roll call – Green – yes, Miller – yes, Slezak – yes, Karr – yes, Tallman – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Supervisor's Update – Kirin Rramen Sushi is open now; a lot of new businesses opening up; excited about all the new businesses.

Clerk's Update – reads resignation letter from Ashley West; last day will be February 24, 2022; she thanks everyone; moving into the next chapter in her life; will train if you can get someone in soon; can't have a vacancy in my department; jump through hoops to get this done; will be putting this out there; will bring it before board when I have found the replacement.

Police Chief's Update – Corey Haynes starts FBI Training today; will be gone for 10 weeks; will learn from the best.

Parks Director's Update – trail of lights is finally over; great event; over 3,700 people showed up; 13 nights; had 15 but had to cancel 2 nights due to high winds; moving on for Spring and Summer events; brochure can come back out in March, hopefully; busy booking rentals for

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the Summer; filling up quickly.

Building Official Update – Month of December we issued a total of 6 building permits; with a total construction value of \$726,727.00; total revenue of \$6,128.00; big projects on the horizon that are coming; Torch place is open along with Kirin Ramen Sushi.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period opened at 6:16 P.M.

Mark Corkins – 8489 Mapleview Dr. – Received the letter from Attorney Lattie; was a trainer for the U.A.W; taught contract negotiation; arbitration; grievances; handling a lot others; not an attorney; but going to state facts; asked to be put on the agenda then I withdrew it after talking with Mr. Slezak; adult foster care should house no more than 4 adults, so why did they make it with 6 beds? see attachment for full description of what was stated.

Lindsey Spiewak – 2218 Lily Ct – hoping the board will address this tonight and put this on the agenda to let us know what is going to happen to our subdivision.

Glenn Vallance – 8427 Mapleview Dr. – opposed to the foster care thing; we pay twice the amount of taxes than Troy, MI; can't fix the issue of the water in our backyard; 3 years now; streets are an ice rink; Red Wing players are skating up and down my street; street light is not getting fixed; adult foster care passes just like that; we are one of the houses that are looking to move out of the Township.

Mike Benjamin – 2224 Lily Ct – give input what constitutes profitability; taking in \$3K a month and has 53 units; if this is true, he could buy any property; the state shut down their facilities and found another way to save money; and the burden will fall on the subdivision.

John Novak – 8492 Mapleview Dr – I would like to be put on the agenda each month to be updated as to what is happening with the group home; start addressing these concerns.

Kelly Starr – 8960 Championship – echoing on what has already been addressed; what is being done to shore up this issue; what can be done to shore up this issue; what is your formal response to this; our subdivision would be perfect for this to happen.

Barry Jones – 2098 Oaksbluff Ct – Woodbridge is a family community; concerned citizens; a lot vested in our neighborhood; asking for your help.

Jim Morey – 1298 N Cummings Rd - how does the zoning change all the time; zoned one way and then next it is zoned the other way; county shot down the issue of manufacturing before when it was brought to them; people are having a real hard time with the issue of the roads and semis using them when they are not aloud.

Slezak – Lattie if you would like to give an update you can.

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Lattie – anyone who wants to get involved can; board gets my legal opinion first and then give it to you the residents; applicants are arguing they fall under section K; a private residents with the capacity to receive not more than 4 adults if they are monitored; problematic; very difficult to monitor; board might want to think about a committee to monitor the issue; we want to see proof of only having four residents; deed restrictions are usually contained in the master deed; limited to owner and association can only enforce; if you want to pursue the issue you will want to obtain an attorney; I’m happy to talk with the attorney if need be; we will focus on zoning category; I don’t know if we have an ordinance on the books that say you can’t rent your space out; we will have to find out; the board will see if they want to have a committee to be formed; building code will find out if it is up to code and meets the standards; next steps are laid out; it is not over.

Miller – isn’t there 4 associations in that complex? If so, that will complicate things.

Lattie – one homeowner probably has the right to enforce the by-laws; don’t put it on the agenda, just as an informational item; they are working under the state zoning law; if they are in compliance, we are not going to be able to pursue unless they fall out of compliance.

Slezak – as a board we don’t get to sit together as 5 or 3; a lot of times we don’t even get to have the discussion with the public; we want the publics input; there was concern and we don’t mind the short answer with the attorney.

Lattie – with your permission I’m able to communicate with the residents.

Mark Corkins – thanks for listening to us and responding to us; really appreciate that.

The public comment period was closed at 6:47 P.M.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RENEW PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to renew John Allen, Jackie Hoist and Carol Dowsett to the Planning Commission term ending 12.31.2021. Roll Call; Miller – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Green - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to renew Tim Green and Nancy Davis to the Zoning Board of Appeal term ending 12.31.2021. Roll Call; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Miller – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to renew Tim Green to the Fire Authority term ending 12.31.2024. Roll Call; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Miller – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY GREEN** to renew Matt Karr to the Genesee County Metro Alliance term ending 12.31.2023. Roll Call; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Miller – yes; Slezak

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– yes; Karr – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF 4-DAY WORK WEEK**

Miller – I’ve been badgered by the employees all week on this issue; it would be 7:30 A.M. to – 5:00 P.M., 45-minute lunch, 4-days, 9-hours a day, Monday thru Thursday, 35 hours a week; took time to come up with some pros and cons; Pros are less exposure to covid virus; open ½ hour earlier and stay open 1-hour later; results in energy savings on heat and lights; elimination of holidays that fall on Fridays; giving employees 3-days off would off-set the future of pay raises in the future – my take on this. Cons are township office not open on Fridays would be problematic in some areas such as building issue with permits, would have to coordinate; real estate transactions; negative effective with residents as they think all we do now is just sit around and drink coffee all day; Tax Day and voting issues would not be affected by this as state law states we have to be open on certain days.

Karr – you want to pay 36-hours when they get paid 35-hours?

Slezak – it would be 35-hours due to contracts with a 45-minute lunch.

Karr – so last month we had this from 8-5:30 and we voted this down, now we are changing it to 7:30-5 – more less.

Miller – that was the consensus that most of the employees came to me and the ones I talked with before; they are asking the board to consider that time frame.

Tallman – huge supporters of our employees, however, employees are my second concern, residents are my first concern; huge headache no matter what schedule we have; we will not have everyone on board.

Karr – prefer we stay open 5-days; but if you three consider this, I’m for 8-5:30 better than 7:30-5; secondly, we are in negotiations and could be used as a bargain tool, to save money.

Slezak – we don’t have a motion, just a discussion.

Miller - if we did do it on a trial basis, I look at both ways – perk for employees on what we pay out since we are frugal about pay raises; we necessary not turn it over to where the inmates are running the asylum, so to speak; would it help with covid on the rise?

Slezak – anything further on this issue we want to discuss? If not, we can go into closed session.

Miller – do we want to make a motion on it?

Slezak – don’t think so.

Miller – do we want to stop it, or it will keep going on and on?

Slezak – we can bring it back up anytime like Karr said.

Miller – okay, I’m cool with that.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to enter into executive closed session at 7:03 P.M. Roll Call; Green – yes; Miller – yes; Slezak – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes. Motion carried

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unanimously.

Closed session opened at 7:03 P.M./Closed session closed at 7:43 P.M.

**ARPA FUNDING**

Tallman – new rule filing form treasurer; exemption that we elect those funds for anything we want; we have 2-million.

Slezak – we only get a million this year and the other million next year.

Tallman – we need to schedule a special meeting to figure out where we are going to use the money; allocate some to Senior Center funds.

Slezak – it changes all the time.

Tallman – it is the final ruling.

Karr – final, final ruling.

Tallman – what we can and can't do with the funds; bring someone in that knows how we can spend the funds.

Slezak – we asked what we can do with it; 8-million to do the sewer; can we do a piece; what we can do with it.

Tallman – stipend for certain employees; police side; senior center; put city on alert; some employees at the senior center didn't apply for unemployment and didn't get the extra \$600.00; allocate a couple \$1000.00 over there.

Karr – wait to you see the price on the sewer.

Slezak – sewer would benefit so we can continue to grow the Township.

Tallman – maybe have some people come in and help with the funds.

Slezak – yes, got a lot of people that are willing to help.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to adjourn at 7:52 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

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Patrick Miller, Clerk

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Jim Slezak, Supervisor