

**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.

Patrick Miller, Clerk

Jim Slezak, Supervisor