

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Slezak, Treasurer Tim Green, Clerk Patrick Miller, Trustee Lori Tallman, Trustee Matt Karr
Chief of Police Jay Rendon
Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed
Building Official Matt Place
Deputy Chief Jerry Harris
Recording Secretary Jami Vert
Attorney David Lattie

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Cliff Knasinski, Debra Caryl, Zach Campbell, 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 KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to adopt the August 8, 2022 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the July 11, 2022 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to approve the July 11, 2022 closed session board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to approve the July 29, 2022 special session board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: we are in the first (1st) fiscal month; total income for general is \$49,999.00; water and sewer \$462,385.98; tax \$772,061.95 with total receipts of \$1,284,446.93; budgeted for fiscal year 2022/2023 for general \$8,537,236.00 - expended year-to-date is \$437,459.00 with a balance of \$8,099,777.00 – 5.12% expended; water and sewer is \$7,335,172.00 – expended year-to-date is \$389,140.11 with a balance of \$6,946,031.89 – 5.31% expended. The lock-box is in full force; sent directly to chase and they turn around and put it towards the taxes; with the lock-box put in place we were able to lend Chris to the Clerk's department for election help; just wanted the residents to know that it was all me that put the gas stations on notice with the high gas prices around, when the surrounding city's have lower gas prices; I want to get to the bottom of this issue.

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MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve Treasurer's report as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Slezak- need a motion to approve board expenditures in the amount of \$3,085,969.78 from 07/11/2022-08/07/2022.

Karr – asked about check #80126; what are we paying for at the school?

Place – explained that we pay for the sewer and water survey, then get reimbursed back for the sewer capacity study.

Karr – so we pay Kraft?

Place – yes, then in return the school reimburses us back.

Tallman – asked about check #80133; was not approved by board for the vendor; approval of the contract; not overly thrilled with the website design; if someone wanted to email the board members, they are not able to; don't know how this got on here and approved; not ADA complaint.

Slezak – it was approved to spend that money on the website design.

Tallman – the budget was approved, but never approved for the expenditure.

Slezak – it was approved for that specific use.

Tallman – for that use, not that vendor; it has to be approved by the board.

Slezak – I believe you were on the board working on this.

Tallman – right, what that was, was to narrow it down.

Slezak – we had already chosen a vendor.

Tallman – no, there was a committee that was going to narrow it down; it was supposed to come back to the board; my understanding if it is an expenditure over \$5k has to be brought back to the board.

Slezak – we had already approved and you were on the committee for 8 months.

Green – we did approve expenditure of \$20k; we only spent a little over \$9k; it is still a work in progress; it is not perfect; but I would say it is about 85% better than what we had; very user friendly; still working on with the building department with fillable forms; working on archives for the minutes for the meetings; what you brought up I don't understand because we sent out an email to everyone if they had any suggestions then please reach out to us, and we did not get any response back from you, unless you only sent it to Jim I did not get anything; we had to take over the website because it was going nowhere and you were chairing it, so we took it over to finish it; and we are \$11k below budget.

Tallman – that was the development of the proposal; I guess ask Mr. Lattie if I am correct at my understanding if it is an expenditure over the \$5k it has to be approved by the board; doesn't matter that it was budgeted for as a board we never approved the vendor, the scope of the work; that is my question.

Lattie – normally when you budget an amount that is an expense; what you have now is do you want to approve it when you have a vendor or when the bill is being paid; tonight, you have it on the list of bills to pay; either way you do it, it still has to be approved by the

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board; you can approve it this way.

Tallman – the committee was formed to pick out vendors and bring it back to the board.

Green – my understanding is that we approved \$20k for the website; we took the lowest bid; this company does a lot of other municipalities; if I am understanding Lattie is that we still followed procedure correctly.

Lattie – you are correct; nothing improper about what you did; it is whether you do it in advanced or arrears.

Green – we did it in advanced; and saved the township money.

Tallman – we didn't do it in advanced; this board never approved a vendor; that is my point; in the future if we don't approve to pay board bills this vendor will not get paid.

Slezak – correct; we will take it from there if that happens.

Tallman – in the future if we have expenditures of that size, we need to bring them all before the board.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve board expenditures as presented.

Roll Call: Miller – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Alex Patsy – from Genesee County Road Commission; talking about roundabout on Lapeer/Oak Road; I've been an engineer for 17 years; highway safety improvements; take dangerous intersections and make them safe; this cross road has had a couple fatalities; head on left turn deadly; you can only go back 5 years for accidents; anything after 5 years they don't use; improve safety; eliminate congestion; state awarded this project; two types of roads – primary and local; the township will have to fund \$75,000.00 out of \$1,125,000.00; will start in 2023.

Green – when is this being proposed?

Alex Patsy – 2023, we may postpone the Lapeer Rd/Gale Rd widening until 2023, we did not like the bids that came in; reconstruct under I-69 on Irish Road and Court in 2023; we do a lot of work here in Davison Township.

Karr – Davison/Oak is that on the list for the roundabout; it seems to be worse than Lapeer/Oak Road.

Alex Patsy – that one is, but not yet; it has not seen the number of deaths that Lapeer/Oak have seen.

Jim Morey – 1298 N Cummings Rd – why are we redoing the Irish Rd under I-69, when it was done about 5 years ago.

Alex Patsy – we may look at not doing some portions; we are looking at the bridge gap; MDOT fixed it the first time; when the truck drove off and caught on fire the insurance company had to replace that.

Amie Chappell – 2435 S Irish Rd – what happens if the budget goes above what you are projecting?

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Alex Patsy – if it goes above 10%, we portion it out; we don't necessary lock them into place.

Slezak – without the match you said it was \$150,000.00.

Alex Patsy – yes, you can get the match; we understand the township has police and fire and that; we have to be equally fair.

Tallman – because Davison Rd has higher traffic than Oak Rd, why is it 50/50 and not 60/40?

Alex Patsy – the numbers would pertinently be the same.

Green – are you guys going to extend the lanes by Menards?

Alex Patsy – we are looking at extending that.

Green – can we look at the timing of the lights with the signal time?

Alex Patsy – yes we will be looking at that as well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update- Slezak – lots of construction going on; Irish Rd/Lippincott will be closed; big storm this past week; lost power; dairy queen lost a wall, but it is now back up; growing with improvements; school starts in less than two weeks; stop for the buses, if not they will stop you; really going to crack down on that.

Clerk's Update- Miller – finished up the election; I was there until 1:30am at the county; pretty good support; looking for election workers as they are hard to come by and some get worn out; general election will be busier; all new staff in the clerk's department so please be patient with them.

Police Update- Rendon – been busy; wrapped up our first national night out with over 400 hundred participants; traffic grant equipment came in; led flare, lights up three different ways; my last crash over 5 years ago with the flares my car caught on fire; again, just busy.

Parks Update- Reed – super busy in July; 50 different programs; free pizza, ice cream; over 100 rentals in July; did have a few trees come down with the storm; annual 911 out at Lake Callis; over 100 kids registered for that; after school program starting back up; low ropes course is up and running; working on our fall and winter projects.

Building Update- Place- July we issued 14 permits; total construction value of \$132,438.00; with revenue of \$2,632.00; Steve Sturgis is our new building inspector/code enforcement officer just started, been working with us for four days; our new work truck has finally arrived and waiting to pick it up.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 6:30 P.M.

Cliff Knasinski – 10382 Davison Road Davison, MI – here to talk about suburban agriculture; in 2019 started preparing for what I saw was an upcoming crisis; we watched out store shelves become empty; build our property up; we put up fencing; put up a barn; put a greenhouse up and we also precured both chickens and Nigerian dwarf goats for our

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farm; we are not zoned to do this, but what we did was make an organic farm within our community; we want to encourage our neighbors to do the same; we need more local farmers; several communities allow farm animals; support local community through community gardens; we want to discuss getting an urban agriculture ordinance put in place in this community

Debra Caryl – 1110 S Cummings Rd Davison, MI – my family has been farming for over 70 years; when you start doing things that help people that they can't raise their own food and meats; we are not being very truthful on where our food comes from; if you don't have the farmers you don't have the food; you don't have the things that America was built on; the right to farm act in 1998 gave everyone with a plot the right to grow there own food; when the townships start stepping in and over ride that you have to step back and think; it needs to be able to farm on less than 10 acres.

Zach Campbell – 12279 E Potter Rd Davison, MI – not big on public speaking, but something I am pretty advocate about; growing up with a grandmother who was in the great depression; it is definitely something to look forward to; it takes a village to raise a family; by farming your own food and raising your live stock will help out the family. The public comment period was closed at 6:51 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COUNTY OF GENESEE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF KCIN

Slezak – received this late; there is no money being spent; this is just so they can go to County Commissioners to ask for the money; so, it will be a lower cost later in the future.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve supervisor to sign the Resolution of Support for the County of Genesee for the Construction of KCIN. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Miller– yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 holiday schedule. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESIGNATION LETTER FROM LORI TALLMAN FOR DAVISON RICHFIELD SENIOR CENTER AUTHORITY

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve resignation letter from Lori Tallman for Davison Richfield Senior Center Authority Board. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE JIM SLEZAK AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR DAVISON RICHFIELD SENIOR CENTER AUTHORITY BOARD

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve Jim Slezak as a board member for Davison Richfield Senior Center Authority Board. Motion Carried Unanimously.

APPROVE PROPOSAL FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES WATER SYSTEM INTERCONNECT USING ARPA FUNDS

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve proposal for engineering services in the amount of \$24,500.00 for water system interconnect using ARPA Funds.

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APPROVE DAVISON TOWNSHIP TENTATIVE AGREEMENT – GELC HOURLY

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve Davison Township Tentative Agreement – GECL Hourly. Roll Call; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Miller – no; Slezak – yes. Motion unanimously.

APPROVE DAVISON TOWNSHIP TENTATIVE AGREEMENT – POLC HOURLY

Karr – don't know what they are taking out; I don't have the old one to compare with.

Tallman – number 5 article 9 I had questions on.

Jay Rendon – when an employee was hired prior; it was 12-month probation; getting 4 months training; work 8 months and off probation; then got extended to 16 months; we felt was a little wrong.

Slezak – one on there had no end date; small infraction was still on there after 18 years; 24 months and then it will be out of their file.

Karr – article 11 seniority taking out township board and giving the chief the power to grant the seniority to the new employee.

Slezak – what happened over the past four or five years I don't believe they have come to the board for seniority.

Karr – we had some come to the board with seniority and we could start them out at something different.

Slezak – we have not had everyone in the same boat; you didn't get everybody; so, we wanted to make it one or the other.

Karr – we don't want to hire someone right out of the police force with seniority.

Slezak – we can go up to 75% or up to five years.

Karr – so that language is in there.

Jay Rendon – they are not going to hire in with 20 years of longevity.

Karr – it would be maxed at 5 years.

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve Davison Township Tentative Agreement – POLC Hourly. Roll Call; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Miller – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY GREEN to adjourn at 7:08 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Patrick Miller, Clerk

Jim Slezak, Supervisor