

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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
Deputy Jerry Harris

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Morey, Rob Malcommson, Cliff Knasinski, David Martin

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 February 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the January 9, 2023 regular board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the January 9, 2023 closed session board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve special session board minutes for January 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve special closed session board minutes for January 13, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: total income for general is \$894,071.38; water and sewer \$514,103.35; tax \$1,916,973.67 with total receipts of \$3,325,148.40; budgeted for fiscal year 2022/2023 for general \$8,539,792.00 - expended year-to-date is \$3,832,718.49 with a balance of \$4,707,073.51; water and sewer is \$7,335,172.00 – expended year-to-date is \$3,414,396.92 with a balance of \$3,920,775.08. We have five (5) months left on the budget; we are in really good shape; below 50% as well; if anyone wants to know what of those codes are on your taxes, we have on the website a

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breakdown; the Township only gets three (3) percent of the income that comes in from taxes; it tells you what goes to the state, the county, the parks, the airport in Genesee County.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve Treasurer's report for January 2023 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

Mr. Slezak- need a motion to approve board expenditures in the amount of \$11,353,379.87 from 01/19/2023 – 02/01/2023.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, 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

David Martin – State Representative of Michigan; little bitter this year; Governor gave us a \$79 billion dollar tax plan budget; largest ever in the State of Michigan; no committee hearings; no Florida bate; no negotiations; it was rammed down our throats; put in an omnibus bill; it was all or nothing; we already voted on eitc break for working families; took that back and it was rolled back and put back in the omnibus bill; pension plan relief; got rid of your tax roll back and we stood firm on that; the State representing this district I voted no on the big tax plan because it should have been broken up into different bills and we would have been better off and gotten these things through; the only thing that is good is the fire and police getting there lifetime exemption on taxes is 17% percent increase on shared revenue spending; that is not going to fix your roads; we are giving hundreds of millions of dollars to Chinese Government and Mega Corporations, but we are not going to fix your local roads; that is some of the things we argued on, negotiated for; we would have committee hearings but that is not going to happen; what is was in the bill, why I voted the way I voted; I will be in Grand Blanc on Friday during office hours in the morning and doggies coffee shop in Davison in the afternoon if anyone has questions for me.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update- Slezak – nothing to update on.

Clerk's Update- Miller – no update on elections director; there will be a February 2024 primary; puts Michigan in the front running for the next President; nothing from Lansing on how to implement the early 9-day voting; basically, they said here it is and figure it out.

Police Update- Rendon – we will be interviewing for an opening in our department soon; putting together an incident support team which consists of two (2) teams of five (5) to provide support for patrol or support for investigation; we ran over 10,200 calls approximately 28 911 calls a day; not slowing down.

Parks Update- Reed – successful weekend with our road rally; many businesses in Davison that helped participate with that; we had 14 different teams; probably around 50 people that

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were out doing our road rally on Friday; we had the artic splash on Saturday with Irelands Dream; I believe they raised around \$6,000.00; with multiple teams out there and multiple individuals out there; I ended up jumping in, my team put a bounty out on me and they raised the \$500.00; it was very cold; we will have to cancel the ice fishing derby because the ice is not safe to be on; we are doing our twilight trail this Friday; it is a lantern hike through the Roberts Williams property, we are able to do it free because we had it completely sponsored by a couple local businesses; working on intersession programs for next week; we are getting many field trips scheduled for this spring; we are doing a lot of maple syrup taps; we have lots of classes already scheduled to come out and tap with us; unfortunate news we were not picked for the first round of DNR grant money; had over 460 applicants with over \$280 million; picked 21 communities, less than 5% of the applications they received; they awarded out \$14.2 million; they still have around \$50 million left; so we have two more rounds to go for; we were not told no, we just have to resubmit again; there is more money to give out in the next two rounds.

Building Update - Place - January we issued 10 permits; total construction value of \$932,709.00; with revenue of \$9,363.00; January and February are usually our slower months; Hamlin Pub finally got their interior build permit issued; they just poured the floor inside; no target date.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 6:15 P.M.

Cliff Knasinski – 10382 Davison Road – Davison, MI; I am here again to address urban agriculture; after meeting with Supervisor Slezak I was hoping the board would move forward with urban agriculture within our community; I have not heard back; our hope was that we would see something moving forward; our group has not been idle; we are connecting with other local members; there is non-profit group in Port Huron that has changed landscape of vacant land into growing food for the community; we have linked up with the Genesee County food counsel; they are in the process of forming a committee along with MSU as we speak to help eliminate road blocks that are in place that are within our local government; in 2014 the State had amended the right to farm act to introduce new zoning classification for primarily residential parcels to be excluded from rft production of livestock; it was so that local municipalities would work with local organizations such as our to establish guidelines for urban agriculture at the local level; read a couple passages; we are just trying to live; hope to see Davison Township work with us; we have been speaking with our legislations on both sides; nonpartisan; we will be meeting with others in the next several months.

Jim Morrey – 1298 N Cummings Road – Davison, MI; what are they doing down my road? All of a sudden, a fire hydrant showed up on my corner; it is leaking like a sieve; the Township is paying for the leaking water as it is meter read.

Robert Malcommson – 2267 N Henderson Road – Davison, MI; let's look at getting rid of limitations on live stock keeping on small acres; been farming for about last 30-years in the Township and probably the last one still in business; we do beef, pork, chicken, eggs, produce, hay, corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, and barley; some might say I am a little busy; also I worked for the Lapeer Conservation district dealing with manure management on farms; right to farm complaints; erosion and runoff of proper sighting of live stock; do

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understand the nuisance; it is not the number of animals or acreage; it is the management that is the property; we should leave it to the neighbor and neighbor complaints; it needs to be handle on a case by case basis; we just want to limit the ordinance to hinder on the residents that want to farm and the right to raise their own food and sell if they want to. The public comment period was closed at 6:23 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE MOWING CONTRACT FOR PARKS

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve D&M for mowing per their proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE 2023 SECURITY CONTRACT FOR LAKE CALLIS

Reed – this is worst case scenario; they have been helpful in the past.

Karr – holiday should be 16 hours at \$1728.00? not the 17 hours at \$1836.00.

Reed – yes, 16 hours at \$1728.00.

Karr – I don't have an issue to keep someone on for holidays and weekends, but try to eliminate the weekdays; if the police don't respond then maybe have them on the weekdays.

Green – did we have instances happen at the park last year?

Reed – we have been threatened for asking them to turn down music.

Green – if you have an incident like that you call the police? What does security do?

Reed – yes, I will call the police; security handles the issues so we don't have to; I don't expect a teen-age kid to try and handle those issues.

Rendon – we don't enforce rules, we enforce laws; if they don't leave then we can enforce trespassing; either way we will get the call if the security can't fix the issue.

Green – so are they really needed?

Reed – I feel they are needed on weekend and holidays, yes.

Green – can I ask the Chief that question – if he thinks the security is needed?

Rendon – we are only a 911 call away; we really respond quick; if the budget allows for it, that's fine, I don't see an everyday thing for it; maybe a big holiday, fourth of July; other than that, we are here for them.

Miller – I don't like the fact of having high school kids having to try and be the enforcers; they are intimidated; just the presence of the uniform will put a little more authority in it; basically, if a high schooler goes up to anyone that is causing issues, they are going to tell them to go hump a football; I don't like that; there is a loss of respect; rather have a security guard there.

Reed – I have to agree; I had one incident last year where I was followed back to my office by asking someone to turn down their music; they were telling me how horrible of a person I was; I won't go into details of what was all said; not an ideal situation; to have anyone in that situation is not ideal.

Green – I just have an issue with when you go to the City of Davison, they have no security; same goes for Grand Blanc.

Reed – they have Bluebell Beach that has an entire police department for all the Genesee County parks.

Green – City of Davison does not.

Karr – you can't compare the City of Davison to the Township; Lake Callis is rolling in 1000 people in there on a day.

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Reed – a couple thousand people a day.

Green – I see more people in the City of Davison than the Township; maybe I am going at the wrong time of the day; Grand Blanc Township I am seeing a lot more; they have soccer going, softball games, baseball games going, they have football going; they have a water park; they have all that going on and no security; I don't understand that we have a great police force; you have to call the police because the security guard cannot touch them or detain them; if the security guard does something we could be in trouble with a lawsuit; we are over budget already with the parks; we are unsustainable in the parks; in other words we can't keep going the way we are going; it is teetering towards a million dollars, it is the second largest expense we in the Township and I don't get it.

Miller – we have different clientele of people that visit our parks than the other ones do.

Green – we charge and no one else charges; they got the skate park.

Miller – they don't have picnics and beach.

Green – what are you talking about they have picnic areas.

Miller – they don't have the beach.

Tallman – they have had issues in the past that is why they close the bathrooms down in the city; I don't think they are totally comparable; one of my kids worked at Lake Callis over the summer and I don't think it is the best situation to put them in; I don't know why the clientele is different than some of the other parks you had mentioned; I did appreciate the Chiefs comments about recommendations on the one security company; you never know this day and age if someone is armed; with the security at least they are trained in these types of situations to diffuse the situation even physically; I definitely think there is a need on weekends and holidays, and not necessarily weekdays; let's try and not use them on weekdays; a lot can happen in a minute.

Green – can the security guard engage physically with someone?

Rendon – depends on their policy; it is a sticky situation; you don't have any powers of arrest; you start to look at civil rights violation; we will get thrown into a lawsuit if they put their hands on someone.

Miller – are they sworn peace officers?

Rendon – no.

Miller – when I was in the service we could because we were sworn police officers.

Rendon – you also had to have certified police officer that was supervising you.

Miller - yes, we had to call certified to come in to take it to the next level; we could detain and have probable cause.

Karr – it is your recommendation to not have them at all; you just got done telling us how many calls you have received; we don't know how many situations we are avoiding by just having a presence out there; what is your recommendation?

Rendon – it is tough because if we knew what was going to happen we would know when to be there; to say no and then something happens; it is one of those things were I think holidays are a good one to have, I would not necessarily say every weekend; a select few weekends they would benefit from being out there; like I say even as busy as we are, we are only a phone call away; we have some of the quickest response time in the county; I have 100% faith in our department.

Green – we have officers on bicycles, right?

Rendon – yes, we have a drone as well; we are a professional police department.

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Green – so you are saying holidays is probably the best to have them out there?

Rendon – holidays are a good idea.

Slezak – it is a difficult issue for everybody; everybody is looking to see if it safe around them; no one on this board is taking this lightly.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve Premier Security Solutions for holidays only based on Chiefs recommendations for three (3) holidays at 16 hours per day for a total of \$1,728.00. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Miller – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE ATLAS RESURFACING

Slezak – Atlas Road is our worst main road as they see in Davison Township; later this summer; next year budget.

Karr – next year budget?

Slezak – yes; total \$200,000.00; our portion is \$100,000.00.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve Atlas resurfacing between Atherton and Lippincott not to exceed \$110,000.00. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Miller – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS PROPERTY FOR NEW TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Slezak – we have discussed in previous meetings; there are quite a bit of wetlands where the dirt pile is at, but no room for growth.

Place – once we made the decision to move forward, I contacted the wetland to get survey done; the map shows the extent of wetland; veterans memorial park, parking lot, shooting range; limited us.

Slezak – we are moving forward on another piece of property; can we get a bigger map so when the public walks in can see the new building; they made some changes to the building a little.

Miller - I have an issue that we don't have any mechanical to get us to the basement; I think we should have at least 3 bathrooms for the women's; don't like the individual bathrooms; see two stales in the men's with the urinal and two sinks; election voter records area is good; think you can take some from the clerk's and treasurer's office.

Karr – this is not finalizing the building?

Slezak – no, this is not set in stone.

Karr – Matt has anyone been out to check this property out?

Slezak – the new property to purchase would be 9113 Davison Rd, just under 40 acres; across the street from Fernco.

Miller – is that the old horse track? Are there any wetlands?

Slezak – yes, very little wetlands.

Karr – this bonding we are doing for this building; with the purchase of the property will the bond be able to cover this?

Slezak – yes, but we have the money from the property we sold last year we still have.

Green – how many acres do we need for the Township?

Slezak – do we need? About 6-7 acres for what we want to do.

Green – is there any thoughts about what we would do down the road with the rest of the acreage.

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Slezak – no, the front could possibly be sold off for commercial.

Miller – I would say do not sell off any acreage; do not limit us by shoehorning us in the back; keep it all and don't sell; keep all the land for us.

Slezak – me too.

Tallman – someone might have interest in the back if we ever sell that; if we don't go all the way back, we could in the future look at other options; I never was a fan of the other site; I like this one as it has room for growth down the road; location is a lot better.

Karr – now with this property we don't have to go through a rezoning process.

Place – no, within RU-1 municipality does not have to be rezoned.

Karr – in the purchase agreement we are going to put in there contingent on phase one environmental studies.

Lattie – not off the top of my head; just phase one; zoning will not be an issue; there will be a public hearing; public coming in and giving their opinion.

Tallman – have we looked at the wetlands?

Place – what the county has we will be fine with this.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve buying property located at 9113 Davison Road for the amount \$279,900.00 contingent on phase one environmental reports plus closing costs. Roll Call: Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Miller– yes; Slezak – yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL

Miller – spoke about renting out part of the Township pole barn for Davison Chamber of Commerce.

Lattie – advise that would not be recommended; if you do it for one you would have to do it for all.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to adjourn at 7:01 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Patrick Miller, Clerk