

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Jim Slezak, Treasurer Tim Green, Trustee Matt Karr, Trustee Lori Tallman
Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed
Building Official Matt Place
Recording Secretary Jami Vert
Attorney David Lattie

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chief of Police Jay Rendon, Deputy Jerry Harris

OTHERS PRESENT: Teresa Hammond-Cross, Norman Fischer, Maggie Miller, Jim Morrey, Lindsey Spiewak, Matthew Smith, Dona Jenks, Wendy Wolcott

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 April 10, 2023 agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the March 13, 2023 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL BOARD MINTUES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the March 20, 2023 special board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the March 23, 2023 special board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Mr. Green presented the treasurer’s report for the month of March 2023 as followed: total income for general is \$45,888.48; water and sewer \$651,648.32; tax \$1,422.46 with total receipts of \$698,959.26; budgeted for fiscal year 2022/2023 for general \$8,539,792.00 - expended year-to-date is \$5,180,483.53 with a balance of \$3,359,308.47; water and sewer is \$7,335,172.00 – expended year-to-date is \$4,490,743.30 with a balance of \$2,844,428.70.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN 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 \$3,922,964.67 from 03/13/2023-04/09/2023.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY GREEN to approve board expenditures as

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presented in the amount of \$3,922,964.67.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update- Slezak – it is spring; lots of things going to happen in the next few months.

Clerk's Update- No Clerk.

Police Update- Rendon – Slezak gave an update with the following: 69 criminal arrests; 158 complaints (reports) written; 44 traffic crashes written; no major incidents to report.

Parks Update- Reed – easter egg hunt we had about 400 participants; perfect weather; many field trips happening; filling summer positions; hope to have restrooms open soon; passed inspections; next month open Lake Callis.

Building Update - Place - March we issued 20 permits; total construction value of \$39,216.00; with revenue of \$3,012.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 6:08 P.M.

Teresa Hammond-Cross – 9340 Lochmoor Dr, Davison, MI; concerned about Matt Smith becoming Clerk; he had during a past election threatened the Clerk from Houghton; how ironic he is wanting to run for Clerk of Davison; people don't like what he did; our hometown deserves better; need to have integrity.

Norman Fischer – 2216 Oakshade Dr, Davison, MI; shame on the board if this has to go to elections.

Maggie Miller – 8257 Davison Rd, Davison, MI; special election will cost the township residents thousands of dollars; Matt Smith is qualified; they attempted to recall him but failed.

Jim Morrey – 1298 N Cummings Rd, Davison, MI; when is the round-about going to be done?; sledding hill are we getting rid of that stupid hill?

Lindsey Spiewak – 2218 Lily Ct, Davison, MI – I am going to talk and show some pictures of the AFC group home in our subdivision; I do want to thank Mr. Lattie for helping us; the State has too much say and little overseeing this; pictures say a thousand words; one person coming off heroin was laying in the middle of the road and would not move; another one spit in a cops face; tons of police and fire trucks and paramedics at all times of the day and night; this needs to be able to be controlled some; we are looking at moving out of that area.

Matthew Smith – 8228 Davison Rd, Davison, MI; thank you for saying that on the record that I threatened her because now I can sue you; thank you very much for saying that publicly; we still are not getting answers as to why Patrick Miller resigned; we keep switching the narrative; and two members of this board supported Pat Miller; and those two board members are going to be voting on the appointment of the new Clerk tonight;

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so here is what I can tell you; this is our third meeting going into this; we have four applicants; the reason I applied is that I worked in the office before; only one out of the four candidates that have the certification; with all due respect to the other candidates they will have to get certified to run the elections; on day one I can hit the ground running as I am certified; we have a staff problem in the Clerks as two of the employees left; so I have staff and former clerks ready to go from other municipalities that I presented to you in letters; I have had two meetings of support; if this board fails to appoint a new clerk; this will go to a special election and a democrat will win; the next clerk will benefit the democrat party if this goes to election; the whole board right now is republicans; if this is a board of republicans do you really want a democrat on this board?; I'll be on the ballot in 2024 running for this position; I won't partake in a special election because the special election favors the democrats; it is my understanding that one of the applicants is neighbors to the two trustees; do they want to appoint that person so that the vote would go their way to 3-2; no one told me to apply for clerk, because I applied on my own; I am the only one who is qualified; no matter who you vote for let's get this office up and running again.

Dona Jenks – 10137 Lapeer Rd, Davison, MI; I would like to see this resolved tonight; the one that is elected needs to work with the Supervisor and Treasurer day in and day out; they should have more say on who is appointed as they are in the office daily with them.

Wendy Wolcott – 8228 Davison Rd, Davison, MI; this is ridiculous that the other applicants work 40-hours a week; how are you going to come in here and do a good job; how in the world can you do that; every person in here said they cannot be here 40 hours; but they can do it on there off time; this will cost all of us tons of money for a special election; for what because certain people on the board cannot put things behind them; and move forward; ultimately it is Jim and Tim that will work this person day in and day out and the other two will only see them once a month; honestly let's get this done today. The public comment period was closed at 6:23 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE 2023 INCREASE COST FOR EPOXY & SILANE PACKAGE (E. COURT ST OVER KEARSLEY CREEK, GALE RD OVER BLACK CREEK – ORIGINALLY APPROVED ON MARCH 13, 2022)

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve 2023 increase cost in the amount of \$14,287.56 for epoxy & silane package for E. Court St over Kearsley Creek.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve 2023 increase cost in the amount of \$8,921.80 for epoxy & silane package for Gale Rd over Black Creek. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to approve Matt Karr, Tim Green and Casey Reed for the Parks Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Tallman – is this going to be long term?

Slezak – this was brought up by our auditors; and no, I don't foresee it being long-term.

APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES FOR GENESEE COUNTY FLIPS

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve resolution for charitable gaming

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licenses for Genesee County F.L.I.P.S. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE D&D EXCAVATING FOR THE EXPANSION OF DAVISON CEMETERY

Place – cemetery has been running out of room; project on going for three years; 2200 plus in phase 1; went out to bid; 6 went out and 6 came back; D&D came in at \$36,450.00.

Slezak – I had budgeted for this about \$50,000 to get it done.

Tallman – phase 1 is just this part.

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve D&D Excavating for the expansion of Davison Cemetery in the amount of \$36,450.00. Roll Call: Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr - yes; Slezak – yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

APPROVE WALDORF & SONS FOR THE SLEDDING HILL GRADING

Place – back in 2015 when they created Lake Callis; this has been ongoing; efforts to get rid of the dirt; estimated about \$4million to get it taken away; been in the red-zone with Genesee County; turn it into a sledding hill; possibly income; over 300,000 yards of dirt; take a while; 5 bids went out and 5 bids came back; ranging from \$200,000 - \$768,000.

Tallman – is this grading into a sledding hill; we will need a separate motion to turn it into a sledding hill.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve Waldorf & Sons for the sledding hill grading in the amount of \$203,600. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak - yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PATRICK MILLER’S RESIGNATION LETTER

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to approve Patrick Miller’s resignation letter. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPOINT NEW TOWNSHIP CLERK

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY TALLMAN to appoint Michael T. Leffler as Township Clerk. Roll Call: Tallman – yes; Karr – yes; Green - yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY KARR to adjourn at 6:37 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Michael T. Leffler, Clerk