

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET BOARD MEETING  
MAY 23, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Jim Slezak, Clerk Michael T. Leffler, Treasurer Tim R. Green, Trustee Matt Karr, Trustee Lori Tallman  
Chief Jay Rendon  
Building Matt Place  
Parks Casey Reed  
Deputy Chief Jerry Harris  
Recording Secretary Jami Vert

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Attorney David Lattie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Davis

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. 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 May 23, 2023 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment opened up at 9:03 a.m.

Katie Davis – wants to thank the Board Members for approving the Senior Center parking lot repaving and the garbage enclosure.

Public comment period closed at 9:05 a.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

Slezak – this will be for our officers that want to go out on their own and get a leadership degree; we will be having a turnover of officers coming up in the next few years; they will pay for their degree on their own; most classes are online; will be trained in leadership.

Tallman – like the concept; questions the language; leaves a lot of gray area.

Rendon – we have to decipher the degree; has to be applicable to the job.

Karr – baccalaureate degree is great.

Green – how many are asking for this?

Rendon – 6 or 7 officers.

Green – is ARPA funds all allocated? Maybe use some for ARPA funds if possible.

**MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY LEFFLER** to approve Police Officers Labor Council Letter of Agreement. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSS 2023/2024 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Slezak – went over the budget lines and board members discussed line items that came

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up; questions were asked and answered.

**DISCUSS ARPA FUNDS**

Slezak – everyone has the ARPA funds sheet to look over.

Tallman – where is the interest of our ARPA funds?

Slezak – we will have that; don't know; we will find out.

Tallman – consider spending money on the cemetery; more than just on trees.

Slezak – a little more to cemeteries?

Leffler – elections; box system; high-definition cameras; cameras inside of the boxes; about \$20thousand for security; \$4thousand on the boxes; maybe about \$30thousand total.

Tallman – Parks and Recs; Senior Center; needs a lot of maintenance; still want Plante Moran to come out and tell us how to spend the money and what to spend it on; we need to have about 10%-20% to be spent on impact areas; something the residents can see; not police and water; what would the police spend the money on?

Rendon – active shooter vest, helmet, cameras, etc.

Tallman – like to see more that the community can see.

Slezak – city did give us some more money this year; does the township have to pay for everything; we don't want to get stuck paying for it all; city residents come; Richfield residents come as well; they need to appropriate more funds to the Senior Center.

Tallman – needs to be on the radar.

Karr – need to send them what things cost.

Slezak – I will see if Plante Moran can be at our next meeting, with handouts.

Leffler – one township has 2 person led voting units; that will help the churches that are a little darker and harder to see when voting; get some reading glasses to have for if someone forgot there's at home; just in case; maybe about \$4thousand.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jim Slezak, Supervisor

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Michael T. Leffler, Clerk