

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
DOWNTOWN DISTRICT AUTHORITY  
JUNE 6, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jim Slezak, Kelly Smith, Zak Hawley, Kurtis McMahan, Mo Aboneaaj,  
Tom Wright, Jackie Hoist, Craig Stefanko  
Matt Place  
Jami Vert – Recording Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Casey Clark, Attorney David Lattie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Joe Persi Jr

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Davison Township DDA was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**MOTION BY MCMAHAN, SECOND BY SLEZAK** to adopt the June 6, 2023 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES**

**MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY MCMAHAN** to adopt the minutes from May 2, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BOARD BILLS**

**MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY WRIGHT** to approve board bills in the amount of \$1,560.00 for D&M. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was opened at 9:02 a.m. and there were no comments. Public comment period closed 9:02 a.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Smith – are we going down the path of the large monument?

Hawley – no, we are not.

Stefanko – let’s not forget we have qualified architects in our area.

Hoist – we are focused on landscaping.

Hawley – let’s send an email to Wade Trim about just landscaping.

Slezak – we will email them.

Hawley – have you heard anything on the utility lines?

Slezak – they have to make sure they have all companies on board and their ducks in a row.

McMahan - what are your thoughts on the beautification program, Joe?

Joe Persi Jr – I missed last year as I was out of town; think it is great; I am looking at possibly sometime soon painting the building.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Approve construction loan payoff.

Aboneaaj – had a 3<sup>rd</sup> party come in last week to help close out the fiscal year; they made recommendation that we just payoff the loan in full and not carry over a \$7,000 balance to the new fiscal year; with the new fiscal year coming up we may get some funds from Genesee County

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and can replenish our funds; with paying it off it will help keep our books clean.

**MOTION BY ABONEAAJ, SECOND BY WRIGHT** to pay the remainder of the loan off in the amount of \$118,000.00 with a built-in cushion. Roll Call: Stefanko – yes; Wright – yes; Hoist – yes; Hawley – yes; McMahan – yes; Aboneaaj – yes; Slezak – yes; Smith – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Hoist – how is the parks coming along maintenance wise?

Slezak – it is unsustainable.

Hoist – why don't we help with maintenance cost?

Slezak – not sure if we can.

Aboneaaj – we need to keep in mind that the parks department is not just the lake.

Hawley – maybe invite Reed to the next meeting.

Wright – are the parks set up on their own?

Slezak – no, we will probably only bring in about \$120k and we will end up spending about \$900k.

Place – Casey is always looking for grants to help out.

Slezak – she will apply for grants, but does not mean we will get any; there are a lot of other municipalities that apply for the same thing.

Place – we had allocated money to grade the hill down to satisfy EGLE and Genesee County.

Smith – do we have a parks committee?

Slezak – we do; they are in their first rounds.

Stefanko – don't think we should take funds from us to give to the parks and recs.

Hawley – I can agree with that; but can also see the other side.

Wright – throwing \$300k at them and gets stuck in the general fund; it could possibly be a sinking hole.

Hoist – DDA started the parks; we created it and let the Township run it; we have some responsibilities.

Hawley – maybe we can fix the roads in the parks.

Smith – fix the problem; find the focus to bring revenue in; don't throw money to a sinking problem.

Place – maybe use some money for sidewalks on Gale Road going across the train tracks to connect to Davison Road.

**INFORMATIONAL**

Aboneaaj – Festival of Flags; comedy show; beer tent; kick off to summer.

Wright – any updates on new businesses coming in?

Place – not yet; we have a ton of violations going out about not mowing grass; residents along with business owners need to mow; if not we will send out mowers and you will have a hefty price to pay.

Hawley – what does the violation do?

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY WRIGHT, SECOND BY MCMAHAN** to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.