

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2023**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard (GCRC), Amy Rosa, Shelley Parker, Karl Stegemann, Susan Hammond, Patti Yorks, Leigh Golden, Ladd Gratsch, Samantha Lange, Manuel Rosa, Benjamin Porter, Denny Jones, Mary Gearhart, Ted Hammond, Mark Lange, Andy Merchak, Kelly Parker, Jeni Dwyre

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 TALLMAN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to amend and adopt the August 14, 2023 agenda with the following: add item F to appoint Jim Callis to the Parks Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR STONEBROOK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR STONEBROOK SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

The public comment period opened up at 6:08 p.m.

Roughly 14 residents from Stonebrook addressed their concerns; there were more residents but some did not speak; concerned about the huge potholes; how are they going to repair them; how are they going to maintain them this time with Genesee County Road Commission; are they doing the whole subdivision; is there a warranty on the roads; do they put this out to bid; if it goes over 10% do we have a say if we want to continue with this process; has anyone driven down these roads; why is Gale Road done and those residents don't have to pay for those roads; Atherton Road gets done a lot more; did we verify the signatures; they just do simple repairs; nothing concrete for repairing; has the Road Commission ever put in more than 10%; semi's come in; buses drive way too fast up and down; will the roads be able to sustain this; is there a load limit that we can put in effect; who made the decision to only put in 10%; with Irish Road being raised, are you going to raise the road level up to match Irish Road; what are we to expect for administrative and interest cost; who will address the drainage issues and sewer issues; can we make it where they can't come down our roads; how come we don't repair the roads the correct way the first time; we just want this done right the first time; how much money from our taxes goes to the roads; we need a better fix than what they do now; petition drive feels clumsy; I think it should be

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more than 51% of the signatures to be able to pass this; who pays for the apartment complexes to get done; taxes keep going up every year; sewer keeps going up; not happy wants Genesee County Road Commission to pay for this whole project; the Genesee County Road Commission does not maintain the streets properly; is it locked in at 10% or does that percent go down; maybe with the parks budget being over why don't we take some of that to help with the roads.

Richard (GCRC) – he address their concerns and answered their questions; they will resurface the streets; minimal curb repair; should only take about 6 weeks to finish; next spring project; work from the back of the sub to the front; this project will be noisy; if they have to do anything with the driveways, they will inform the residents 3 days before hand and they will only do 1 driveway at time; there is no warranty on the roads; the amount of money we get all comes from the government; we don't get tax money from your taxes; this is an estimate price; prices are competitive; we take bids from all over the state; county repairs the primary roads with no cost to the owners; we get federal aid; GCRC stopped for about 20 years giving money to help with the streets; that just started back up about a year ago; the GCRC board decides how much percentage to give; the GCRC maintenance department does the best they can with what they are working with; they would like to hire more, but the budget don't support it.

The public comment period was closed at 7:23 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUISNESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-6 FOR DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; APPROVAL OF PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COST, FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve resolution 2023-6 for determination to make public improvements; approval of plans and estimate of cost, final determination of special assessment district. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-7 TO SET PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE THE STONEBROOK ESTATES STREET PAVING SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve resolution 2023-7 to set public hearing to approve the Stonebrook Estates street paving special assessment district special assessment roll. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 10, 2023

Tallman – wants to amend the previous board meeting minutes and add language that was left out; we did not receive the proposed list of advisory committee until the middle of the meeting, which was about 4 hours longs; all received an email prior to the meeting indicating that the only purpose was that agenda item was broadly worded; and the only purpose it was on the agenda was to approve the meeting time, which was then indicated

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prior to the meeting we didn't have to approve the meeting times; in the middle of the meeting we were handed a list of the proposal advisory board members; no structure to the advisory board, no outline, no government; no opportunity to review who the other members were that had signed up.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to amend the previous board minutes to add Tallman's comments - expanding? We're not voting on this; I'm confused; the agenda was to discuss parks and recreational department; email we received earlier from you today indicated that it was solely for setting meeting times; I sent email inquiring why we were setting times; literally was handed about 30 minutes ago the list of parks advisory board members; while I don't object to any of the members; I suggested to you that we have park advisory board or a subcommittee; we already have a parks advisory board in place and they are Matt, Tim, and Casey; this board was for the purpose of reviewing budget and expenditures; obviously this committee is in regards to Lake Callis situation; we are sort of expanding the committee; I don't know if we can do that without board approval; really has been just thrown at us. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PREVIOUS SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2023

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve the previous special board minutes for July 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: total income for general is \$61,387.78; water and sewer \$468,748.99; tax \$643,967.46 with total receipts of \$1,174,104.23; budgeted for fiscal year 2023/2024 for general \$8,975,826.83 - expended year-to-date is \$689,345.15 with a balance of \$8,286,481.68 and is 7.68% expended; water and sewer is \$7,201,920.00 – expended year-to-date is \$28,764.79 with a balance of \$7,173,155.21 and is 0.40% expended. This is the first month in the new fiscal year; residents get confused on taxes; taxable value; sev; state mandate; vote millage in and your taxes go up; you control the millage; township receives less than 3% of the taxes paid; we have put money in investments; making some money off the interest; I want to see how we can get your taxes lower; one way to do that is look at everything; the parks budget is over \$500k in the hole; that is crazy; this has to be taken care of; that is not be fiscally responsible in my opinion to the tax payers;

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

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve board expenditures as presented in the amount of \$1,858,280.15.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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- A. Possible future legislation – Slezak – talked about how the State wants to raise everyone’s water bill so that residents that are low income can use it; they can do anything they want with the money; contact your State Rep and tell them you are not happy with this; I encourage everyone to read the bills that come out from the State.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor’s Update- Slezak – Gale/Lapeer Road is not done yet; they don’t have an end date; trying to get it done, but did not give me a reason why they are not yet; talked with the schools, they are not happy; not safe for the children that have to cross the road now; Bristol/Irish Road will be done this fall; still waiting on Court/Irish to be done; not sure if that will happen this year.

Clerk’s Update – Leffler – Davison has an election on November 7; this election is only for a small amount of residents for Goodrich Schools; raise money for the sinking fund; ordered a new drop box for elections; it will have cameras and lights around it; State of Michigan is paying for this; the drop box will be monitored 24hrs a day; election workers that need to renewed, please let me know; we went and watched an election in Burton this past month; Sheree has done a great job; she has updated over 546 CVF cards; 7-8 ledgers have been balanced.

Police Update- Rendon – been busy; we are hiring some new officers; one will be in the academy; bodycams came in; they should be going live with them October 1; establish policy and procedure; Kim Skellenger is retiring after 25-years; Officer Zecchini did a stand-up job over the past weekend talking to a suspect in a domestic situation and when the State Police negotiation team showed up, they asked myself if he could continue to talk to the suspect.

Parks Update- Reed – 43 programs; 1600 people served; day camp wrapped up; LARA came out while we had the day camp going and we passed; 40 rentals; hail storm damage did not pass the parks; compiling information for the brochure that will be going out in September; duck traps set did not catch anything yet; Veterans resource will be September 16; lots of field trips scheduled; intersession for October.

Building Update - Place - July we issued 35 permits; total construction value of \$451,632.00; with revenue of \$7,574.00; roofing permits are way up; cemetery expansion is complete; sold our first lot out there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 7:50 p.m.

The public comment period was closed at 7:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE CATCH BASIN REPAIR FOR 9081 WOODRIDGE, 9086 WOODRIDGE, PEBBLE RIDGE AND STONEBROOK DRIVE (CORNER), WREN AND PELICAN LANE (SE CORNER), VASSAR ROAD (NE CORNER), VASSAR/TIMBERWOOD FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$25,000.00

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve catch basin repair for 9081 Woodridge, 9086 Woodridge, Pebble Ridge and Stonebrook Drive (corner), Wren and Pelican Lane (SE corner), Vassar Road (NE corner), Vassar/Timberwood for a total cost of \$25,000.00. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman - yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried

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unanimously.

APPROVE THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR THE TOP SOIL AT THE DIRT PILE

Place – we are going to be short of top soil; about 1500 yards; \$75,000.00 or less to finish this project.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR to approve the use of ARPA funds for the top soil at the dirt pile up to \$75,000.00. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – no; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE THE USE OF ARPA FUNDS FOR CUTTING DOWN 24 TREES IN DAVISON CEMETERY

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve the use of ARPA funds in the amount of \$36,000.00 for cutting down 24 trees in Davison Cemetery. Roll Call: Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ON PARKS USE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENT PROCESSING SOFTWARE

Leffler – trying to balance the ledger we have to go line by line on the bank statement to match up where each little penny is at; very time consuming and we need to find out a different way to make this work; point and pay is what we use in the Treasurer’s Department; why can’t the parks use the same.

Green – we can not occur that 3% fee from the residents using their credit cards; we need to look at every possible solution; the Township should not be paying that; point and pay is simple to use; manually plug it in if you need to; we should go to point and pay for the whole township; if they don’t want to pay the 3% fee, they can still pay by cash or check.

Reed – day smart had a merger; the board can make a motion to add the 3% to the program; the program we have is a lot easier to understand; point and pay will not talk with our system; we will lose all online registration; everything will have to be manual.

Leffler – if you take a phone call, you can take their credit card number over the phone and plug it in.

Reed – I could, but the two systems don’t talk so then we will have to manually put these in the system; we do thousands of tickets a day in the summer.

Karr – so like when I ordered my tickets online, I could do that, but if we switch, I will not be able to do that?

Reed – No.

Green – we did not approve this switch.

Reed - it was a merger.

Slezak – you can add the 3%?

Reed – yes.

Tallman – what is the program?

Reed – Daysmart.

Leffler – is the transaction when it’s done going to display in the bank statement as that actual transaction? Lois has to go day by day on every transaction to find the amounts; if the new program can display what it is supposed to that will be fine; it is just too time consuming to have to hunt through day-to-day bank statements to try and find it.

Reed – my understanding that it will be simple and easier to understand the statements.

Tallman - if you have huge volume, they usually charge at the end of the month; what is the fee?

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Reed – the fee was 4%, now it will be 3.5% fee; monthly fee is \$5.

Tallman - so the fee is 3 or 3.5%?

Reed – 3.5%.

Green – we still get dinged; there are other systems out there to use; point and pay can possibly be online; why are we allowing this system.

Tallman – the system has been in place for how long?

Reed – since about 2017; it is just a merger.

Green – we have over \$6k in fees now; that will need board approval.

Reed – where did you get \$6k?

Green – the terminals you need to get along with the fee.

Reed – the terminals are around \$2,875.00; our annual dues that we pay every year; we budgeted this amount in our budget; it is under my spending amount.

Green – we have had this conversation for four months and nothing has happened to not have the township get charged the 3% fee for using credit cards.

Karr – if we go to point and pay, we lose all the online transactions.

Green – point and pay you can use online as well.

Tallman – when does the software stop working?

Reed - September 1; if we switch, we will be occurring thousands of costs.

Slezak – we should not occur those cost; consumers will have to take the 3.5% hit.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to approve daysmart software with the addition of the 3.5% charge; annual contract; and at the end of next year or six months you guys can figure out a way to point and pay to intergrade with the park’s software great. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – no; Slezak - yes. Motion carried.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-8 FOR ROSA AGNES MILLER’S 100TH BIRTHDAY ON AUGUST 26, 2023

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve resolution 2023-8 for Rosa Agnes Miller’s 100th birthday on August 26, 2023. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE JIM CALLIS TO PARKS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to approve election commission workers as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Michael T. Leffler, Clerk