

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: James Baker, Lorrie Callis, Chris Bozynski, Travis Howell, Patrick Miller

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 GREEN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to adopt the November 13, 2023 agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN to approve the October 16, 2023 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PREVIOUS CLOSED BOARD MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 16, 2023

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve the October 16, 2023 closed session board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Slezak – wanted to report that there will be no treasurer's report due to the fact that for the past half year the general ledger was not done.

Mr. Green stated that the winter taxes will be mailed out December 1, 2023.

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve board expenditures in the amount of \$1,142,414.48 as presented. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (GRIFFIN LAKE)

Public comment period opened up at 6:02 p.m./ Public comment period closed at 6:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-16 (GRIFFIN LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT)

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve resolution 2023-16 for Griffin Lake Special Assessment for weed control. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes;

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Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Andrews Technology – the board discussed that the end of NovaTime will be in 3-years; the need to migrate to the new system; the promotion they are offering for migrating over to the new system; wondering if we get a discount if we go yearly; new terminals would need to be added; it works with BS&A.

FLOCK Camera presentation – Chief Rendon gave a presentation on what FLOCK is all about; they are drive-by cameras that take pictures of license plates; not facial recognition; this helps with vehicles that are involved in crime; should help deter crime; all images delete after 30-days, unless we need it for an investigation; they have silver alert that alerts when elderly disappear; proven success; MSP has put them up in Detroit; not cost to service them. The board asked questions about how many cameras will be needed; where they will be placed; if they require their own poles to be attached to; if we can use ARPA funds, yes; are they ran on solar power, yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor’s Update- Slezak – Saturday, November 11, 2023 we recognized the Veterans at the Memorial up here; thank all Veterans for their service; this recognition happens every year on November 11th at 11 a.m.; if you have never visited Holly’s on Veteran’s Day, you should it is a nice place; Enzo’s Pizza is open on M-15; Hamlin Pub is finally open; Irish Road is opened up, construction will continue on the west side next spring; Noblet Rd drain issues is fixed; not backup water in the residents yards; Bristol Rd intersection should be opened soon; more projects next year.

Clerk’s Update- voting will take place next February 27, 2024; about 6,000 absentee ballots will be mailed out January 18, 2024; 9 straight days of early voting; Grand Blanc was the test case with the early voting; they had only 100 people show up; need separate tabulator for early voting; last week we had our election for Goodrich; board of canvassers where happy with our election.

Police Update- Rendon – wants to recognize our Detective Coon for capturing a resident that had been recording his child; the resident is charged with 17 felonies; no shave November; the proceeds are donated to Outreach East.

Parks Update- Reed – 19 programs for October; 1000 people; 26 rentals; multiple Davison field trips; police training; winterizing parks is done; trail of lights set up; ticket sales are on sale; wagon rides are almost sold out; Davison High School Choir will be out one night.

Building Update - Place - October we issued 372 permits; total construction value of \$347,764.00 with revenue of \$31,806.00; secured a grant for ADA for Davison/Irish Rd safety grant; 90% state will cover; 5% Genesee County will cover; 5% Davison Township will cover.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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The public comment period opened at 6:24 p.m.

James Baker 7097 Davison Rd Davison – wants a permit to build another shed on his property; his neighbors have built other out buildings on their property and didn't have to follow the ordinance; if he does not get to build this outbuilding, he is wasting over \$2k; talked with all his neighbors and they don't seem to have a problem with it; what does he have to do to make this happen.

Lorrie Callis 818 Kay St Davison – her family is the driving force behind the parks; not happy with this ordinance; does not feel it is needed; should have brought this to the committee to discuss first; two meetings were canceled, but have time to make up an ordinance; who is going to maintain the programs; why would we cut the programs out; disappointed and shady.

Chris Bozynski 7044 E Bristol Rd Davison – impressed by parks programs; programs don't change; adult hockey leagues will pay about \$800 to use the ice rink; old people can't do technology; unbanked people; eliminating customers; 13,000 came through Lake Callis; food truck is a joke; vendors are not consistent.

Travis Howell 7180 Lebanon Trail Davison – my family has volunteered at the parks; strong parks system; absolute gem; with growth comes challenges; please listen to the residents.

Patrick Miller 7235 Sherwood Dr Davison – came into the township to talk about a complaint in my neighborhood about a horse trailer being parked in front of the house; kids dart in and out from behind it; trailer needs to be removed.

The public comment period was closed at 6:47 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 60-7 (PARKS ORDINANCE)

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY GREEN to approve ordinance no. 60-7 (Parks Ordinance)

The board members discussed the pros and cons of this ordinance; we need to be fiscally responsible for our Township; losing money; can't cut programs and expect to make money; can get on board with residents in 48423 area to not pay; don't expect parks to make money; get a survey done about the parks; we need to bring back the workshops to go over all this; bring ideas; some board members want exact numbers on what we are losing; what numbers are you wanting that the auditors said it was unsustainable; we are going to lose seasonal park employees.

MOTION BY LEFFLER to withdraw his motion and discuss ideas at the workshop held on Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 6 p.m. Board members along with Casey, parks committee members, Deanne, Vanessa, and Riley will be present for this meeting.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-17 (SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PUBLIC HEARING FOR ATHERTON CC/LOMBARDA FOR STREET REPAIRS)

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve resolution 2023-17 (Special Assessment Public Hearing for Atherton CC/Lombarda for Street Repairs. Roll Call: Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-18 (AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN ACT LOCAL PARKS AND TRAILS MICHIGAN SPARK GRANT)

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY KARR to approve resolution 2023-18 (American Rescue Plan Act Local Parks and Trails Michigan Spark Grant) for \$970,000.00. Roll Call: Tallman

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– yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-19 (DAVISON TOWNSHIP HIRING AND TERMINATION POLICY)

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY SLEZAK to approve resolution 2023-19 (Davison Township Hiring and Termination Policy. Roll Call: Green – no; Karr – no; Leffler – yes; Tallman – no; Slezak – yes. Motion did not pass.

DISCUSS ON 67TH DISTRICT COURT

Discuss was held on what the Genesee County Commissioner did at their last meeting on closing all the local 67th District Courts in the entire county and moving them to the Court House; all the cases that involve the Township we will now have to go to the Genesee County Court House to get them handled; more time will be involved with our Police Officers and our Building Department; need to join in on the lawsuit to try and stop this from happening; this is not a good deal for any municipality; we need to throw in about \$3k for this lawsuit; we will hire a law firm to help with this process; we are starting at ground zero on this matter

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve putting in \$3k to start the claim contingent on that other municipalities join in; also give Supervisor Jim Slezak permission to enter into agreement to avoid having to come back to the board for approval. Roll Call: Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION ON UNION NEGOTIATION

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY TALLMAN to approve going into closed session to discuss union negotiation and written attorney opinion. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session opened up at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY KARR to come out of closed session. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed session closed at 8:22 p.m.

MOTION BY TALLMAN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to authorize Supervisor Jim Slezak to make proposal to the GELC hourly union. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY KARR to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Michael T. Leffler, Clerk