

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 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  
Attorney David Lattie  
Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**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 December 11, 2023 agenda.  
Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve the December 11, 2023 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE PREVIOUS CLOSED SESSION BOARD MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 13, 2023**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER** to approve the November 11, 2023 closed session board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT (ATHERTON COUNTRY CLUB/LOMBARDA WOODS)**

Public comment period opened up at 6:04 p.m

Lattie – we have to borrow money from a bond company; to borrow the money from the bond company we will have to pay an extra \$45,000; GCRC has a program that if the township puts in 10% the GCRC will put in 10% if the funds are still available; we can possibly divide the \$45,000 between Atherton Country Club/Lombarda Woods and Stonebrook; if you are against this special assessment, then please state your name and address and we will remove your name from the list.

Residents stood up and spoke either for the special assessment or against the special assessment; some residents stated that they didn't know that you would have to pay off the special assessment before you can sell your home; called the GCRC and they do not fix the roads; if they come out to fix the potholes, they don't fill all them in; culverts are starting to dip; previous administration has tried this before and the cost was about \$5,000, now it keeps going up; no maintenance has been done to keep the roads up to date; is it possible to do less invasive repair; don't think it is fair that some of us have to pay the same amount that a house that sits on a corner lot; we don't have \$18,000 to come out of equity; never seen

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government do less that what they say; roads are absolutely disgusting; concerned about the \$18,000 it is going to cost; did we get multiple bids; some of us are on fixed incomes; is the engineering cost in this; are there any other communities that will experience this; this is a tremendous burden on us residents; can we vote this down; Bill Schaffer does not want this done; can't afford this; is the bond for the life of the road; will the bond company be responsible to come out and inspect; Andrea Johnson withdrew her name; is the county responsible to maintain this after completion; why can't we just spot patch certain areas; it is time to fix these roads; can we search grant writers; if we pay up front do we save any money; can we fix and maintain our own roads; this is a big safety hazard.

Richar Hill (GCRC) – we will prepare an estimate; design; complete removal and replace; will replace only curbs and gutters that need it; not part of maintenance but I do know they as do Grand Blanc and Atlas; La Spezia was constructed back in 1967; the road was only designed to have a 20-year life; we are well beyond that; no, the bond company does not inspect; we bid this out to anyone in the state; open bid to the public; qualified; we check all aspects of the contractor; engineer will give us the estimates; if we go over 10%, we have to bring it back to the board and explain why; the project would possibly go out to bid in June; August it would possibly start; we use asphalt as it is 100% recycled material.

Lattie – you will start to pay once we get the bond, and once the project is complete; you will have a lien put on your property until it is paid off; paying off the special assessment before you sell your house depends on the mortgage lenders; each year we will reassess; we don't know the interest rate until we actually take the loan out; over 51% of homeowners want this done; you can always appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal; if the bid comes over 10% we will have to bring it back to you residents to see if you still want to move forward; the minute we borrow the money we will be paying and committed; the lenders/bond holders will want reassurance from GCRC that the number of years the road is expected to last; we could possibly extend it to 15-years if the township wants to look at that; the bond company does not verify the road; that comes from GCRC; have not heard of any grants; when we borrow money we get a bundle from the state; it's a loan; if you pay it all up front you don't pay the interest.

Public comment period closed at 7:18 p.m.

**ADOPT AND APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-20 ATHERTON COUNTRY CLUB/LOMBARDA WOODS DETERMINATION TO MAKE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, APPROVAL OF PLANS AND ESTIMATE OF COST, FINAL DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

**MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY KARR** to amend and adopt and approve Resolution 2023-20 Atherton Country Club/Lombarda Woods Determination to make public improvements, approval of plans and estimate of cost, final determination of special assessment district to be able to have a ten (10) or fifteen (15) year plan. Roll call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: total actual income for general is \$141,640.38; water and sewer \$550,972.78; tax \$12,961.95 with total receipts of

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\$705,575.11; budgeted for fiscal year 2023/2024 for general \$8,975,826.83 - expended year-to-date is \$3,049,636.00 with a balance of \$5,926,190.83; water and sewer is \$7,201,920.00 – expended year-to-date is \$1,770,675.01 with a balance of \$5,431,244.99.

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY TALLMAN** to approve Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY GREEN** to approve board expenditures in the amount of \$1,234,672.62 as presented. Roll Call: Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Davison Township Capitalization Policy

Leffler – ease our accounting; everything we spend right now is \$500 we have to track it, depreciate it; both Plante Moran and Woodhill Group suggested we make it \$5,000 to just simplify our accounting practice

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Supervisor’s Update - Slezak – Happy Holidays; Merry Christmas.

Clerk’s Update – February 27 presidential primary; we will be sending out ballots later; you will have to tell if you are Democrat or Republican; 9-day early voting; Saturday – Sunday, closed on the Monday; we will see how many residents turn out to vote on those days.

Police Update - Rendon – Chase will graduate from the Police Academy on December 21 and be sworn in at 3 p.m. on December 21, 2024; 911 calls are up from last year about 2,167 more calls; arrest is up from 411 to 693; traffic enforcement is up from 2,155 to 5,022; have been busy.

Parks Update - Reed – multiple programs in November; 10 rentals; working on spark grant; trail of lights began this past weekend; over a 1,000 people go through the trail this weekend; open this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; as well as December 21, 22, 23; had market on Saturday; we have DCER after playhouse on Friday and Davison High School Choir out on Saturday.

Building Update - Place - November we issued 373 permits; total construction value of \$338,077; with revenue of \$31,983.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period opened at 7:31 p.m./The public comment period was closed at 7:31 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSS AND APPROVE DAVISON TOWNSHIP HIRING AND TERMINATION POLICY RESOLUTION 2023-19**

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The board held discussion on hiring and termination; the board has always had a say in that process; seasonal employees don't really need to come to the board; Casey would still interview her part-time and full-time staff, but would bring them to the board for the actual hiring; prefer to have the board hire part-time and full-time, not the Supervisor; there needs to be some control on the hiring; we will need to look at this further; need board approval for hiring.

Lattie – you will want to create a new category on seasonal; the township board should hire and fire; not the department heads; that is not the ideal situation to have department heads doing that; township board sets the wages; with this policy we are trying to have it where the department head can hire and fire without the board knowing this; even know they are budgeted positions the board needs to know this; you have more protection if the township board does the hiring and firing; more is better.

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 2023-21 TO “OPT OUT” OF PA 152 OF 2011 REQUIREMENTS**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER** to approve resolution 2023-21 to “opt out” of PA 152 of 2011 requirements. Roll Call: Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION ON CDBG USE OF FUNDS**

The board discussed the use of the funds; how the use of funds needs to be submitted by December 15, 2024; talk was to repair Gale Road from Lapeer Road to the R.R. Tracks; this would be started in 2025-2027; are we talking sidewalks or road; would be road; lets give some to the Senior Center if we can; we should have a backup plan if we can't use it on the Senior Center; give \$125,000 to Gale Road and \$29,657 to Senior Center.

**MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY LEFFLER** to approve giving \$125,000 to Gale Road Street repair and \$29,657 to Davison Area Senior Center. Roll call: Leffler – yes; Tallman – no; Green – yes; Karr – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER** to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jim Slezak, Supervisor

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Michael T. Leffler, Clerk