

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Casey Reed, JoAnn Royce, Alison, Travis Howell, Chris Bozynski, Breanna,
Betty Anderson, Randy Stewart, Stephanie, Taylor Laine, Lori Callis, Cindy
Gates, Sandy O'Dell, Ben Vick, Maryann Spencer, Paul Marchi, Megan
Strauchman, Jessica Brown, Shane Moore, Dennis Worvie, Johnathan
Marden, Jason Fulton, Todd Ferguson, Audrey Coon, Richard Deloge,

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 LEFFLER, SECOND BY GREEN to adopt agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Karr – not the place to have the meeting; asked for it to be moved.

Tallman – yes, I had sent an email asking for the meeting to be moved to a location that can house us all; let everyone speak that has come out.

APPROVE PREVIOUS BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 14, 2024

MOTION BY GREEN, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve previous board minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Green presented the treasurer's report as followed: total actual income for general is \$630,086.81; water and sewer is \$524,123.55; tax is \$733,171.92; with total receipts \$1,887,382.28; budgeted for fiscal year 2024/2025 for general \$10,688,274.00 - expended year-to-date is \$1,725,711.48 with a balance of \$8,962,562.52; water and sewer is \$7,486,264.00 – expended year-to-date is \$519,329.26 with a balance of \$6,966,934.74.

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

APPROVE BOARD EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve board expenditures in the amount of \$993,599.58 as presented. Roll Call: Green – yes; Karr – yes; Leffler – yes; Tallman – yes; Slezak – yes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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Davison Township Election Commission Meeting Minutes

DEPARTMENT REPORTS & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Supervisor's Update - Slezak – None.

Clerk's Update – Leffler – fire audit is over; working on Township audit this week; Benson is suing to keep RFK on the ballot for Michigan; absentee ballots will be going out as soon as we get them; 9-day early voting starts October 26 - November 3; 30% registered voters.

Police Update – one cadat started last week, will be done late December; want to recognize two Officers Zecchini and Thorpe for helping deliver a baby on the side of the road.

Parks Update - Reed – August a dozen different events; hundreds of residents use our parks system; hail damage repair still going on; storm damage from the last storm; busy booking field trips; free field trips for Davison teachers; busy working on spark grant; working on recreation plan for the next 5-years; 6-different properties we over see on a day-to-day; offer over 200 programs.

Building Update - Place – August we issued 70 permits; total construction value of \$2,949,210.00; with revenue of \$20,038.00; Aldi should be done and open April 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period opened at 6:15 p.m.

Residents voiced their concern with the reorganization of the parks; they demand that they stay open; keep all programs; some are life long residents; the parks provide a safe place to play; will become an eye sore if not kept up; don't build a new township hall; other communities come out to enjoy our parks; a lot of the people are not residents that come to enjoy the parks; political move; DCER said they don't have time or the funds to do the programs; why the rush to do this; wait for the new board to approve any changes; outdoor spaces provide healthy mental status; don't ignore input from the residents; some residents have a hard time registering for programs because they are all sold out; no deficit spending; cost less than \$100 dollars a household for the parks; police department cost about \$3million to run, they cost the township; they don't provide income; being outside is the best medicine for your health; kids love using the parks and programs; you just want to build your slush fund up; walk the trails a lot; stop messing with the parks; you get great oxygen from the trees; fake numbers in the packet that was provided to you residents; we didn't have to pay back the money from the DDA, but we decided to; Lake Callis is a detention pond; the dirt hill was supposed to be a winter wonderland; love the classes the parks provide; generations live here and continue to live here; loved hearing stories of what Davison Township used to be with all the farm lands; thanks the two trustees that stand up for the parks; whole lot of questions; don't believe the numbers; need a larger venue to be able to hear everything; hard to believe we are here again discussing the parks; are we still going to be able to rent out the buildings; hug draw is our parks; this will negatively impact our home taxes if they close; what a great turnout; Flint is fighting for there parks; stand together; recall; children spend all day at the park; very little investment for the amount of money we get out of the parks; majority of kids at day camp are not Davison Township residents; this is a big draw for outside communities; table this; don't vote on this today; let the residents get more information to look over; some of our fundraisers we have we use the parks; 4k fun, polar plunge; teach everyone about handicap accessible activities; not worried about the bottom line; parks are a gem; we

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value our partnership with the parks being in the Chamber of Commerce; attractive parks bring attractive home buyers; parks will never make money; the residents are willing to pay whatever it takes to stay open; only just found out about this; is there a reason we have not tried to pass a millage; let the residents decide with a millage; big part of the community is the parks; built my house here because of the parks that are offered; find other solutions on how to make a little profit; listen to and work with the Davison Township residents; demand answers; you will lose great assets if you close the parks; if a tree falls in the parks are we supposed to call you, Jim?; who is going to remove debris from the trails; if you close the parks down you can look at my son in the face and tell him why.

The public comment period was closed at 7:54 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT THE REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR to table this until October 7, 2024, meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE LAYOFF OF PARKS AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES (SEE ATTACHMENT A)

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY KARR to table this until October 7, 2024, meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE NEW TOWNSHIP SERVER FROM VC3 (2024/2025 BUDGETED FUNDS)

MOTION BY LEFFLER, SECOND BY KARR to approve new township server from VC3 (2024/2025 budgeted funds). Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE DAVISON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING TIME FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST TO MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.

MOTION BY SLEZAK, SECOND BY LEFFLER to approve the Davison Township Board Meeting time from Monday, October 21st to Monday, October 7th. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY LEFFLER to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Slezak, Supervisor

Michael T. Leffler, Clerk