

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 30, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Tim Elkins, Clerk Cindy Shields, Treasurer Pat Miller, Trustees Matthew Karr and Travis Howell

OTHERS PRESENT: None

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423 to discuss payment options for road assessments.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY HOWELL to adopt the agenda for October 26, 2018 with the amendment of the time listed. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 5:01 p.m. and there were no comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Assessment discussion

Tim began by explaining the estimated total amount of the assessment for Atherton Country Club Estates paving project. He showed the true cost to the township if contributing an estimated 20% of the total cost. This will lower the cost to the residents and can be spread over a ten-year period with a projected cost of \$127,440 to the township. This will work in the new Special Assessment program. Tim asked if the board is in agreement with paying a percentage.

Pat had a list of pros and cons that he went over and he was more inclined to wait until our finances were at a greater advantage and would like to see a more aggressive maintenance program.

Cindy stated that she is in agreement with taking care of all the roads, but a more aggressive maintenance program may be the answer. She would like to propose taking the funds for contribution and put it toward that program. She too was concerned with the financial resources we have for future needs.

Matt said that he was pleased with the job that Tim did and it is the right thing to do. It will not take much out of the budget spread over time and he feels it does benefit all residents. He is for the idea.

Travis said that it seems like a good idea, but should we prioritize the new paving with maintenance. Tim explained the Road Commission's recommendation on crack sealing newer roads, that it is better to let older roads die. He is in favor of a 20% contribution and saving for future projects.

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Tim stated that if we don't upkeep the roads our property values go down and we want to make sure that doesn't happen. We are keeping up with the primary roads, but the secondary roads are falling behind. The Road Commission is very engaged in keeping up the roads with our help.

There was discussion about the benefit to the all the residents, a contribution to the Crystalwood road paving project and what action can be taken.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY HOWELL to adopt a resolution for the township to contribute up to 20% principal and interest of the total balance for Atherton Country Club Estates 1-5 and parcel 05-21-400-012 being spread over a ten year period. Roll call: Yes – Karr, Howell, Shields, Elkins. No – Miller. Motion carried.

There was discussion about how the bonding will work for this project. Tim asked for information on two different types of bonds and how they work. The fixed rate bond is for ten years with payments for the total amount. We will have the resident's portion and our portion included in those payments. Then there is a recallable bond, we can call the whole bond back or a portion of it back. If we pay this off early then the interest would go directly to the township.

The billing from the Road Commission is done in three phases. We pay fifty percent up front, then forty percent after the project is done, then ten percent when they close the project out which may not be until May of 2019. We don't want to take out a bond early if we don't really know what we need based on interest. He suggested not bonding until July, 2019 and collect the interest until then and we may only have to borrow what we need, lowering the total cost. A letter will be drafted to state what the payments will be before installments are initiated.

ADJOURNMENT

The special meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor