

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 9, 2019**

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

Attorney David Lattie

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Planning/Zoning Administrator Jeremy Smith

Building Official Matt Place

Parks & Rec Director Casey Reed

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeni Clawson, Keith Pyles, Jalene Jameson, Officer David Sohmer
and family, Chris Gilbert, John Krueger, Jim Morey, Officer
Garret Guest, Officer Joseph Thorpe, Officer Harold Payer, First
Lieutenant Yvonne Brantley, Lieutenant Chuck Barker and
Trooper Jeff Rodgers

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Mr. Elkins requested that the Police Award be added as Item A.

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY HOWELL to adopt the agenda with the amendment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY HOWELL to approve the November 18, 2019 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Miller gave the Treasurer's Report for November, 2019 with a total revenue in the amount of \$823,954.12. The Quarterly Investment Summary has a total of \$652,538.56 in the General Accounts and \$1,082,189.07 in the Water/Sewer Accounts.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SHIELDS to approve the November, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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APPROVE BOARD BILLS

Mr. Elkins presented the total expenditures through December 9, 2019 as \$1,174,579.57.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY HOWELL to approve payment of the board bills as presented. Roll call: Yes- Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment period was opened at 7:03 pm. There were no comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Elkins stated the cemetery signs will be installed by the end of this week.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Awards

First Lieutenant Yvonne Brantley from the Michigan State Police Department presented Officer David Sohmer the award for Professional Excellence for saving a gentleman from drowning and committing suicide.

Office Sohmer thanked everyone.

Audit Presentation

Mr. Chris Gilbert, Plante Moran, presented the 2018-2019 Financial Statement to the board. Chris highlighted various points in the audit, particularly that fund balance has increased by just under \$500,000, the pension fund is funded at 71.47% and OPEB at 29.82%. He noted that the 2018 PA 202 report triggered the need for a corrective action plan to OPEB which has already been submitted and approved. Plante Moran's Audit Letter states the township received an unmodified opinion which is the highest level of approval.

MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY MILLER to approve the 2018-2019 Audit Report as presented. Roll call: Yes-Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

Davison Area Recreation Plan

Ms. Jeni Clawson, Spicer Group, presented the board with the 2020-2024 Davison Area Recreation Plan. This plan includes the municipalities of Davison Township, City of Davison, Richfield Township and Davison Community Schools. It will serve as a guideline for improving recreation facilities and develop new opportunities in the region. Each entity must adopt the plan by resolution. The deadline for submission is February 1, 2020. Once approved by MDNR, grant funding will be available for new endeavors throughout the area.

Tax Reverted Property

Mr. Elkins informed the board that he and Building Official Matt Place viewed the property at 7087 Houghton Dr. Jeremy Smith and Matt Place both confirmed this property has been blighted for several years. Mr. Elkins is recommending the township receive the property

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back and sell it. Matt is currently getting quotes on the cost of demolishing the house. There may already be parties interested in purchasing the property. If we choose not to accept the property, a resolution must be adopted by the board. No action is necessary for the property to revert back to the township.

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY MILLER to have 7087 Houghton Dr revert back to the township by taking no action. Roll call: Yes-Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins. Motion carried.

2019 Special Assessment Roll Corrections

Mr. Elkins presented the board with the corrections due to Veterans Exemptions, an error of parcel classification and a reimbursement for over payment.

MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY MILLER to approve the corrections and reimbursement of \$529.44. Roll call: Yes-Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr. Motion carried.

Public Act 202 Form 5572 Discussion

Ms. Shields explained this annual form is required by Public Act 202 Protecting Local Government Retirement and Benefits Act. This is a report of the status of both our pension and OPEB systems. The 2019 filing shows that both pension and OPEB funds will not trigger underfunded status. No action is needed; this is to keep the board informed.

Soil Erosion Discussion

Mr. Elkins explained MDEQ has been working with us on a plan to implement a trench for the soil erosion issue at the dirt hill located next to the Dog Park. The plan has been approved by the county and he is asking for approval of \$6,500 to begin the project.

There was discussion on the purchase request policy and procedure and where the funds would come from in the budget.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY KARR to approve the \$6,500 expenditure to begin the project. Roll call: Yes-Miller, Elkins, Karr, Howell. No-Shields. Motion carried.

Sewer Lead Discussion

Mr. Elkins explained a resident on Lapeer Road is having sewer back-up issues. Matt Place stated that there are two residents that use the same lead and it has a belly in it causing the back-up. There is a plan to tie into the cross country main as to not tear up Lapeer Road. The cost of the project is \$9,800. Tim is asking for \$5,000 from Water/Sewer funds and the homeowner has agreed to pay the remaining \$4,800 to get the project done. Mr. Lattie is working on a formal agreement to be signed by Tim and the homeowner.

MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY HOWELL to approve the agreement of \$5,000 expenditure from Water/Sewer funds and \$4800 from the homeowner to begin the project. Roll call: Yes-Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

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FUTURE BUSINESS

Unleashed dogs

Mr. Miller wanted everyone to know that Davison Township Parks and Recreational areas are dog-friendly, however there is state law mandating that dogs be on a 6-foot leash. He would like to remind residents to abide by state law and the township ordinance.

January 13, 2020 Board Meeting

Mr. Elkins announced the January 13, 2020 regular board meeting will be held at the Kurt & Marge Soper Nature Center on Atherton Road.

BOARD COMMENTS

Pat, Casey and Rebecca visited a local taxidermist and he is willing to donate pelts, skulls and other pieces to the Kurt & Marge Soper Nature Center for exhibits.

Cindy said that she is preparing for the 2020 Elections and election workers are still needed. Certification for new inspectors is January 15th.

Jeremy stated the Taco Bell on Irish/Lapeer is coming along nicely and should be opened soon. Financial Plus Credit Union opened on December 2, 2019.

There was discussion about hiring a police officer that has been budgeted for.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Consumers Energy updates

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned with a Motion from Karr, Seconded by Miller at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor