

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSHOP  
February 14, 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

Deputy Chief Jerry Harris

**OTHER PRESENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Assessment Workshop was called to order at 4 pm, at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423 for the purpose of discussing the Police Special Assessment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Police Special Assessment Discussion**

The discussion began with Tim and Mr. Lattie explaining the changes to PA 33 of 1954 and how the special assessments for fire and police can be calculated. The State of Michigan mandates that these assessments must be based on taxable value. The flat rate that we have been using is not allowed anymore.

There was further discussion about districts, the difference between residents and businesses, if we want to hold an election on increasing the Police Millage, using a millage rate for improved property with a per unit included, how parcels benefit, commercial properties, continuing with a special assessment or just a millage, including a fire services special assessment or millage and when to place these questions on a ballot, either this year or next year. Also discussed the DDA district boundaries, whether we can collect these assessments on the summer tax bill, how and when to market increases, closing the gap between the police millage and special assessment. The Chief suggested keeping the special assessment as the larger portion of his budget revenue.

It was the consensus to place the Police Millage renewal or increase question on the November, 2019 ballot and to maintain the Police Special Assessment. Tim will explore how to calculate the special assessment based on adjustable millage rates. It was agreed that more workshops will need to be held.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The workshop was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

Approved

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Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor