

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD BUDGET WORKSHOP  
May 22, 2019**

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

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Building Official Matt Place

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

**OTHER PRESENT:** Deputy Chief Gerald Harris

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 6:04 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Tim asked to include item E: Budget Amendment.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened at 6:06 pm and there were no comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approve Application for Fireworks Permit**

Cindy explained that this application is for the Festival of Flags to have fireworks.

**MOTION BY MILLER, SECOND BY HOWELL** to approve signing the SOM Application for Fireworks Permit as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve 2019-2020 Senior Citizens Authority Budget**

Tim stated he is proposing the township and city contribution amounts be increased for sealing the driveway and the fact that the County Senior Millage has been decreasing every year. We are waiting for the City of Davison to pass this budget also.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to approve the 2019-2020 Senior Citizens Authority Budget with the Township contribution increase as presented. Roll call: Yes – Miller, Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell. Motion carried.

**Approve 2019-2020 Library Budget**

Tim presented the budget saying the amount is less than last year due to no carpeting or large item repairs this fiscal year.

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**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY MILLER** to approve the 2019-2020 Library Budget as presented. Roll call: Yes- Shields, Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller. Motion carried.

**2018-2019 MERS ER Contribution and Budget Discussion**

Tim proposed allocating \$500,000 from our assigned fund balance to make an additional payment to MERS Division 1. This reduces the employee contribution from approximately 24% to 17%. He recommended the Board increase the employer portion to 14.5%. Cindy stated that to change the ER contribution it is likely MERS will need a resolution.

There was also discussion on future contributions to OPEB liability out of the assigned funds in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to allocate an additional \$500,000 to MERS Division 1 as of June 30, 2019. Roll call: Yes- Elkins, Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$500,000 contribution to Division 1 of MERS. Roll call: Yes- Karr, Howell, Miller, Shields, Elkins. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Vehicle Replacement**

Tim asked for a budget amendment to replace the Supervisor's vehicle in the amount of \$32,000. He will trade in the current 2012 Ford Escape. There was discussion about vehicle safety and performance, doing some research on the impact to the budget and the other pool cars. It was agreed to broach the topic at the next Budget Hearing.

**2019-2020 Budget**

The board did a preliminary review of the proposed 2019-2020 budget. The document contained several errors and omissions that need to be addressed. It was decided to hold another Budget Workshop on May 29, 2019 at 7 p.m., giving Tim time to make corrections to the document. It was also requested that he email it to the board members ahead of time so they can come prepared.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

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Tim Elkins, Supervisor