

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET WORKSHOP  
May 25, 2016**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Karen Miller, Clerk Cindy Shields, Trustees Matthew Karr and Tim Elkins

Building/Planning Administrator Randy Stewart

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Parks & Rec Director Casey Reed

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Morey

**CALL TO ORDER**

The budget workshop meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Karen began by letting the board know that Pat Miller would be late due to an appointment. She asked Casey to give us a brief update of what would be happening at Lake Callis Recreation Complex this season. There would be a soft opening on May 26, 2016.

Casey said that USA Volleyball Association has viewed the courts and feel it will work well for them. They have scheduled tournaments throughout the summer along with our leagues. They will also have Clinics this year and possible night tournaments. The Tiki Hut has 6 rentals in June, the new staff will be starting tomorrow for a trial run before the full opening and corporate businesses have been renting the pavilions for employee picnics. Channel 12 will be out to highlight the Tiki Hut and Marc Jacobson will be in one of the floating balls on the lake. Also if anyone would like to volunteer for Saturday's events that would be greatly appreciated.

**2016-2017 Budget**

Karen explained that this is the estimate for the next year but adjustments need to be made and that is why we are here today. She stated that vision insurance has gone up 8% and normally we budget a 1% increase, so we might need to shop around for that type of insurance.

Tim stated that this is kind of a catch up year because vision and dental don't usually increase a great deal each year. There was discussion about looking into different carriers and plans and what the union contracts state.

Each department was looked into where the increases and where some decreases could be done. There was some discussion about the state reimbursing the township for new election equipment.

Randy gave a few changes for his department, transportation, building and maintenance, revenue, halls and ground and the general fund.

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Karen discussed State Shared Revenue, Police Revenue and the fact that Assessed Values have increased but millage rates are decreasing and the big box factor. She also talked about CDBG funding.

Rick discussed what was happening with his budget and how it is falling short and what some of the solutions could be. There was discussion about the township developing more and more and the Police Department growing with this development.

Pat Miller joined the meeting at 11:20 a.m. There was discussion about a more detailed budget and what could be detailed as much as possible.

There will be another Budget Workshop on June 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The budget workshop meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk