

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 8, 2017**

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

Attorney David Lattie

Building/Planning Administrator Randy Stewart

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

Building/Planning Admin. Assistant Charm Healy

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Matthew Smith, Jordan Tiffany, Stacy & Jeff Masters, Bobby Bingley, Mike Reeser, Jacob Kennedy, Mary Pavelock, John Krueger, Kim Skellenger, Travis Howell, Jim Morey, Marlene Zajenkauskas

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Davison Township Municipal Building, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SUPPORT BY KARR** to approve the April 10, 2017 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the April 21, 2017 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Karen Miller read the Treasurer's Report for April, 2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 81,712.92
Construction Fund	<u>481,348.38</u>
Total	\$563,061.30

**MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Karen Miller read the Board Bills for April, 2017 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 506,914.54
Construction Fund	<u>307,434.80</u>
Total	\$ 814,349.34

**MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve payment of the April, 2017 board bills as presented. Roll call: Yes- Shields, K. Miller, Karr, Elkins. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CDBG Program Cooperative Agreement for Fiscal Years 2018-2020**

Karen stated that the Cooperative Agreement is a requirement of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by indicating once every three years whether we choose to continue to participate in the program. A letter signed by the Clerk regarding the community's wish to remain in the Genesee County CDBG Program is required. She read the report from 2001-2016 that shows a million dollars was invested in Community Development which includes the Senior Center, sidewalks, purchased land, and infrastructure construction for Davison Township.

**MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS** to approve the Clerk sending a letter stating agreement to participate with the CDBG Program by June 16, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approve SAW Grant Engineering Contract**

Karen said Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc has sent us an agreement for the Wastewater Asset Management Plan and GIS SAW Grant Assistance Proposal which includes GIS Software/Hardware/Training, GIS Base Mapping and Implementation, Wastewater Asset Management and Capital Improvement Plan, and assistance with MDEQ Distribution requests in the amount of \$100,500. The SAW Grant will be covering 90% of this cost. We received three bids for these services from Wade Trim at \$136,000, Rowe Engineering at \$120,000 and Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. at \$100,500.

Randy explained the \$5,000 for training is optional so the actual amount of the contract with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc is \$95,500. The GIS layer is something the township has needed for a long time.

There was discussion about what the grant will cover, if it will cover past and future services, what the township will pay for and how reimbursements are processed, how long the projects will take, and the contract period. Also what the GIS system will allow us to see and what they will need to get it up and running.

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**MOTION BY ELKINS, SUPPORT BY SHIELDS** to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering, Inc. as presented. Roll call: Yes – K. Miller, Karr, Elkins, P. Miller, Shields. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened at 7:14 p.m.

Matthew Smith – 8228 Davison Rd. – asked about the Roads & Bridges, Inc. contract and what Mr. Jackson’s position would be with the township and if he would keep his position with Waldorf and Son’s while working for Davison Township. He doesn’t agree with a consultant working for the township and another company.

Karen explained that Roads & Bridges, Inc. is a consultant that was hired for sewer-water infrastructure, road infrastructure and an emergency contact beginning July 1, 2017. Mr. Jackson has the skill and knowledge to advise the board with this information and yes he will keep his job with Waldorf’s.

Brandy Slurslel for Bobby Bingley – 8134 Bristol Rd. – asked what our attorney discovered with the flooding issues at her mother’s property.

Mr. Lattie stated that after doing the research of the ordinance and processes of building permits that the township is only responsible for the building requirements. The ability of monitoring the flow of storm water is not something we have expertise in, however Mr. Stewart will do another inspection of the properties for anything that is obvious about the grading of the property and is consistent with other homes built. If he finds nothing wrong with the building on the property then this is a civil matter between neighbors.

Randy stated that he was at the properties today taking pictures of standing water in the ditch at 8134 Bristol Road, which is downhill from the corner and a culvert is needed under Ms. Bingley’s driveway to help the flow of water. He also said that her other neighbor has a swale sending the water to the back of the property which ends up in her backyard. The downspouts on the new build is insignificant amounts of water compared to the farmers field behind her, and the neighbor to the west has raised his driveway that causes ponding up of the water which causes more flooding on her property. The Shiflet’s will be planting grass seed as soon as possible and this should help with the water flow also.

Brandy stated that her mother’s sump pump has burned up and a contractor has told her that her basement walls will eventual cave in causing her to spend thousands of dollars of her own money. She asked how can there be an ordinance that cannot be enforced.

Randy said that he has inspected the new build and it passes our certifications. Your mother’s house does not have eave’s troughs so all the water runs down the walls to the

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basement and the house is six or seven feet lower than anywhere else in the area. As our lawyer has stated you will have to hire an engineer to prove anything different.

Mr. Lattie said that an engineer will let you know if the Shiflet's have cause a problem and this is between you and them.

Jim Morey – 1298 N. Cummings – asked if Davison Township has a representative for the Karegnondi Water Authority and talked about Detroit taking over this waterline.

Karen said that she is a part of the Water/Waste meetings every month and that is not factual information.

Jacob Kennedy – 8160 Teachout – asked if the board had any question about the sewer extension contract bids, received last month, being so different in price, if we paid for the block on the trail by I-69 and where the funding for Lake Callis came from.

Karen stated that we did not pay for the block on the trail and Lake Callis was paid for by DDA funds.

Stacy Masters – 3396 Field Road, Clio, MI – asked why the township is paying for a consultant instead of using the Genesee County Road Commission for roads.

Karen explained that we hired a consultant to help us when Randy, who does the work now, retires.

Marlene Zajenkauskas – 9323 Claridge Dr. – asked why we are paying someone to drive the roads.

Karen explained that Mr. Jackson doesn't just drive the roads, he will work on sewer/water issues, road issues, and will be the emergency contact for issues with our infrastructures because he has the knowledge of these systems, after Randy has retired.

There was discussion about what Randy's job is, the fact that we are not replacing Randy and saving money in the long run, giving the board time to get things in order after Randy leaves, and the fact that Genesee County Road Commission doesn't have the funding for the road projects that the township has taken on.

Jeff Master – 3396 Field Road, Clio, MI- had comments about Fred Jackson.

Public comment period was closed at 7:57 p.m.

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Pending Road Improvement project  
Meeting minutes from other boards  
Landmark Appraisal is not known as Legacy Assessing Services  
Lapeer/M-15 intersection will be restriped this month along with a traffic light at  
Gale/Lapeer Road – no time frame for this yet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk