

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Karen Miller, Treasurer Pat Miller, Trustees Matthew Karr and Tim Elkins

Attorney David Lattie

Chief of Police Rick Freeman

Parks & Rec. Director Casey Reed

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Cindy Shields

OTHERS PRESENT: Commissioner Pegge Adams, Linda Charney, Jennifer Schramm, LaDawn Hasting, Jim Morey, Jeff Curtis, Chrissy Curtis, Cassandra Curtis, Kenneth Boyer, Catherine Boyer, Brenda Smith, Chris Smith, John Krueger, Vickie Wagner

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 Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423 and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION BY ELKINS, SUPPORT BY P. MILLER to approve the June 8, 2015 regular board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS to approve the June 15, 2015 Budget Workshop meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY KARR, SUPORT BY ELKINS to approve the June 22, 2015 Budget Workshop meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS to approve the June 29, 2015 Budget Hearing meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Miller read the treasurer's report for June, 2015 as follows:

General Fund	\$1,928,055.21
Construction Fund	<u>506,986.40</u>
Total	\$2,435,041.61

The quarterly report also showed:

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APPROVAL OF BILLS

Mrs. Miller read the June, 2015 board bills as follows:

General Fund	\$1,467,285.73
Construction Fund	<u>2,197,842.17</u>
Total	\$3,665,127.90

MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS to approve paying the board bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #39-GG water rate increase

Mrs. Miller explained that the Detroit Water & Sewer Department has increased the water consumption amount by 11 ½% to the Genesee County Water & Waste Division and this increase will be a straight pass through to the consumers. All users shall pay \$5.53 per 100 cubic feet for all usage per month. This increase will take effect on September 2, 2015.

MOTION BY KARR, SUPPORT BY ELKINS to approve Ordinance #39-GG as presented. Roll call: Yes – P. Miller, K. Miller, Karr, Elkins. Motion carried.

The Supervisor made a brief statement regarding the safety of Lake Callis:

Lake Callis has received permits and approvals from the Department of Environmental Quality and the Genesee County Drain Commission. It was engineered in part to be a recreational lake. The water is sample tested weekly and taken to Genesee County for analysis. There is no undertow, or noticeable current from any wave formation in the lake. As with any lake there can be changes in the bottom of the lake with sandy areas, soft spots and murky areas. As with most lakes it is swim at your own risk. We are providing a limited area for swimming activities and those areas still require supervision and diligence by the parents and/or guardians.

As to the events of last week first and foremost I would like to personally express how proud I am of Chief Rick Freeman and our police officers investigating and searching for Omarion. I think that anyone that witnessed those press conferences could openly see the concern and desire to find the little boy unharmed.

The outpouring of support for him was truly encouraging to witness. Organizations from all the areas of the state helped in the search effort and gave themselves wholeheartedly. Very many of the search and rescue teams were volunteer groups that came and stayed for days on their own time, sleeping in their vehicles; if they slept and only wanted one thing and that was to find Omarion.

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As to the staff of Lake Callis, including Casey Reed our Parks & Recreation Director, all followed protocol when a child goes missing and left no stone unturned in their search before police arrived. Many staff members that were not working aided in the search. What could be done to find Omarion was done and unfortunately it was not the result that we all prayed for.

I ask that you continue supporting and praying for the staff, volunteers and police officers that were involved in the search because there are many heavy hearts in this community. I know Davison and I know this community will rally around these individuals and assist them while grieving for Omarion. It has been a very difficult week for all of us and it was not what any of us wanted. I know I speak for every police officer out there, as I know all of our police officers gave of themselves, it was a horrible thing. Davison is an amazing place and when the chips were down the people came out. And all night long, not just during the day, climbing the terrain, fighting the mosquitoes, searching for a little boy that was not making any sounds or moving, it was a very difficult thing and I hope we never have to witness it again.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The public comment period was opened at 7:11 p.m.

Karl Rehschun – 2259 Wicklow South Drive – asked what needed to be done to get his name added to the list for bidding on projects done in Davison Township. He stated he wanted to be involved in the making of the sign for Lake Callis and the job was given to Crannie Signs. This was upsetting to him as a local resident and business owner. Karen stated she would make sure to add his name to the list of bidders for Davison Township.

Jeff Curtis – 12253 E. Atherton Road – asked what could be done about an easement that allows him to access his hay field. The neighbor is not allowing him to use easement and he is losing his crops and money.

Mr. Lattie explained that this is considered a civil matter and would have to be taken up with the court system. There was further discussion about the neighbors being afraid of escalation of this matter.

LaDawn Hastings – Davison Area Chamber of Commerce – stated that she would like to say thank you to the board on behalf of the Chamber for the use of the Lake Callis Recreation Complex for the Festival of Flags. The Festival was a big success and we look forward to upcoming years building a wonderful relationship as we pursue this in upcoming years. The Chamber has dedicated \$10,000 for beautification of Lake Callis. The Chamber would like to hold a joint meeting to discuss the needs for this donation.

Linda Chaney – 336 N. Main St. #619 – asked if the trail along the west side of Lake Callis will be extending around the lake and if dogs would be able to use this trail, since no pets are allowed on the Lake Callis Recreation Complex.

Karen said that there have been discussion about special occasions allowing pets on the property, but at this time we are not allowing animals on the property.

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John Krueger – 7278 Davison Road – stated he would not be able to attend the July, 2015 Board of Review meeting.

Public comment period was closed at 7:37 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Pat stated that the 2015 summer taxes have been mailed out.

FANG updates.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Cindy K. Shields, Clerk