

**DAVISON TOWNSHIP WORKSHOP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
July 17, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Supervisor Tim Elkins, Clerk Cindy Shields, Trustee Matt Karr

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pat Miller and Travis Howell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert Burley

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special workshop meeting of the Davison Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 pm at the Davison Township Municipal Center, 1280 N. Irish Road, Davison, MI 48423.

**ADOPT THE AGENDA**

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to adopt the July 17, 2019 agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public comment period was opened at 6:01 pm and there were no comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Court Street Paving Project Cost**

Tim explained that the contractors came back with a higher price than what was originally estimated so he has allocated the 50/50 funds, CDBG funds, some from Richfield Township's 50/50 funds, leaving our share at \$171,686.25.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to approve the Court Street Project Cost in the amount of \$171,686.25. Roll call: Yes - Shields, Elkins, Karr. Motion carried.

**Sale of Potter Road Property**

Tim stated an original offer was given of \$80,000, however the appraisal for the property came in at \$75,000. The buyer agreed to a purchase price of \$77,500. All the county permits are ready and the closing should take place next week.

Cindy clarified this is a parcel split from Davison Cemetery. Proceeds from this sale will go into Cemetery fund balance.

**Approval of Cemetery Signs**

A mockup has been done of the design for both cemetery signs. The first quote came in slightly more than \$10,000. The final project will be decided after all designs are received and ordinance dimension requirements are met. Tim asked for approval to purchase signs for no more than \$10,500 each.

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**MOTION BY KARR, SECOND BY SHIELDS** to approve no more than \$10,500 for each cemetery sign. Roll call: Yes – Elkins, Karr, Shields. Motion carried.

**Fire Protection Special Assessment Discussion**

Tim gave two options for collecting the assessment, one is per parcel at \$60.65 and the second is \$39 per unit. Both options will raise approximately \$400,000 to cover a majority portion of the 2019-2020 Fire Authority Budget. Discussion began about the increase in amount of calls, medical response calls and growth in our community. This has put stress on the General Fund budget that must be addressed.

Cindy is in favor of a special assessment due to the amount of increased runs and the growth in the township. She was also in favor of a flat rate, as opposed to a millage, because the cost is the same no matter if the run is to a residence, commercial or vacant lot.

Matt was in favor of the per unit rate making all residents equal.

Robert Burley stated that the board has tried to keep the cost down and didn't feel the public would complain too much with \$39 a year.

**MOTION BY SHIELDS, SECOND BY KARR** to recommend, at the cost hearing, the per unit assessment at \$39 annually. Roll call: Yes – Karr, Shields, Elkins. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Today Tim and Rhonda met with the Daughters of the American Revolution at Pine Grove Cemetery. They have offered to work with us in doing some renovations, reviewing grant funding, and historical information.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Cindy K. Shields, Clerk

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Timothy W. Elkins, Supervisor