



DDA DIRECTOR-VILLAGE MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026, AT 8:00 A.M.

VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

12060 HEATH STREET, BIRCH RUN, MICHIGAN

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President White at 8:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: President Tom White and Council Members David Cook and Blaike Stafford; DDA Members Jerry Preston, Marianne Nelson, and Kelsey Rudy

Citizens seeking information or giving input on matters of interest to the Village Council (Time limit of 5 minutes each)

No public comments

New Business

Interviews for the DDA Director-Village Manager position were conducted. The schedule of the interviews was as follows:

8:15am – Rik Hayman

9:10am – Brandon Jonas

10:05am – Joseph Karlichek

11:00am – Steven Montle

At the conclusion of the interviews, discussion took place among the committee.

Motion by Preston, seconded by Cook to select Joseph Karlichek as the lead candidate for the DDA Director-Village Manager position, to authorize Pivot Group Municipal Services to conduct a background check for a cost of \$1,000.00, and to authorize James R. Freed and current DDA Director-Village Manager Paul T. Moore to initiate contract negotiations with Joseph Karlichek pending the positive outcome of the background check.

Ayes: Preston, Cook, Rudy, White, Nelson

Nays: Stafford

Motion Carried

Adjournment

With no further business, President White adjourned the meeting at 12:32pm.

Tom White
Council President

Paul T. Moore
DDA Director-Village Manager