

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 26, 2009

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, Max Calder, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Community Development Director (CDD) Richard Trent, County Commissioner Eileen Heideman, Deputy Treasurer Jamie Boyle.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2009 Regular Board meeting, correcting a name under Adjournment. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT County Commissioner Heideman initiated discussion regarding the funding for the Clinton County Economic Alliance.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a letter from resident Michael Lee regarding traffic enforcement; September statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; a letter from Watertown Township regarding building inspection services; 3rd Quarter Real Estate Market Report from Coldwell Banker; a letter from Comcast regarding network upgrades; Accident, Citation, and Verbal Warning Facts from Chief Russell.

Discussion determined that Chief Russell will respond with a letter to resident Michael Lee.

COMM & COMM REPORTS **Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of Election Commission meeting of October 12, 2009. Motion voted and carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Ordinance Amendment 18.2, Ordinance Amendment 18.2 Second Reading Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants, on Second Reading.**

AYES: Daggy, Calder, Ross, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman
NAYS: None Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Introduction –Rental
Property Sewer Deposit
Ordinance 259

Treasurer Daggy introduced Deputy Treasurer Jamie Boyle, stating that she has taken the lead in their office to draft this proposed Ordinance. Boyle explained the need for the Ordinance, allowed under the provisions of MCL 123.165, which will close a loophole where renters and/or owners of rental properties are sometimes challenging when the Township is attempting to collect delinquent sewer usage fees. She noted that the new Ordinance will require a deposit by renters, under certain conditions, and also add a \$10 fee to all sewer customers whose delinquent usage fees are turned over to their tax bill for collection.

Proposed fees were discussed and the Board determined that a First Reading of Ordinance 259 could be acted upon now.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve Ordinance 259, Rental Property Sewer Deposit Ordinance 259, on First Reading.

AYES: Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Calder, Ross
NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following fees by Resolution of the Board, relating to Ordinance 259, with said fees to be effective in conjunction with the effective date of Ordinance 259: Sewer Deposit Fee \$250 and Sewer to Assessment Fee to be \$10.

AYES: Ross, Calder, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Wood/Webb Road
Property Lease Agt.

Manager Taylor reviewed the proposed lease of the Township's Wood/Webb Road property to adjacent property owners to the north. Some clarification was made to language within the lease, and it was noted that Attorney Robinson has reviewed the document.

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Clerk to execute the lease agreement for the Wood/Webb Road Township property. Motion voted and carried.

Budget Adjustment
Water Fund

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2009 Water fund for the payment of hydrant charges: \$6,500 to 591-536-930-000 (Repair & Maintenance) from 591-000-390-000 (Water Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.

Resolutions 091064 &
65/2010 Budget &
Appropriations

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, to adopt Resolutions 091064 & 091064 adopting the DeWitt Township 2010 Budget and Budget Appropriations.

AYES: Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Ross, Calder, Mosier, Daggy
NAYS: None. Motion carried.

VOUCHERS **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 56258 – 56311, and Tax Fund Vouchers 7104 – 7110. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS & COMMENTS Manager Taylor reported the following: Supervisor Galardi and he are attending legislative meeting with Granger; Officer Darnell is back to work.

Trustee Ross reported on progress of the DARA Exploratory Committee.

Clerk Mosier reported that Larry Fitzgerald, SCCMUA Director has submitted his retirement notice. She also reported attending the Low Impact Development/Greening Communities meeting held at the Community Center.

Trustee Calder reported that he continues to work with a southern tier resident regarding his request to allow dogs in Township Parks. The Board agreed that when Trustee Calder is ready, the issues will be placed on an Agenda for discussion.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sale of Real Property **Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale of real property.**

AYES: Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman, Ross, Calder, Daggy
NAYS; None Motion carried.

Supervisor Galardi reconvened the regular meeting.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to authorize representatives of the Board to proceed, within the parameters discussed in Executive Session, regarding the sale of real property. Motion voted and carried.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor