

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
January 13, 2014 Board Minutes

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 Johanna Balzer, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Assistant Planner Tory Niewiadomski, County Commissioner Jack Enderle, Planning Commission Chair Bruce Keilen, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Agenda, moving Resolution R2014-01-02 up to New Business Item No. 3. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 62405 – 62524 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7890 – 7900; approval of Township Board Minutes of 12/09/13; and to receive and file Planning Commission Draft Minutes of 12/02/13. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-01-01 honoring Scott and Valerie Randall, owners of Redline Auto, for the positive and ongoing contributions to the DeWitt Area.**

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

Supervisor Galardi presented Scott and Valerie Randall with the framed Resolution and thanked them for their contributions to the area.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT County Commissioner Enderle provided an update on County business, including the County park expansion on DeWitt Road.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a Digital System Upgrade from Comcast; DeWitt Township Fire Department “Burning Issues” Newsletter; Activity Report; Notice of Public Input Regarding Old U.S. 27; Consumers Energy notice of Public Hearing for January 16, 2014; Clinton County Drain Commissioner regarding tree removal; 2014 Committee and Commission List.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt, on Second Reading, and based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, conditional rezoning request**

RO13-880002 Fedewa
Rezoning 2nd Reading

RO13-880002 from David and Mary Jo Fedewa, to rezone 2.74 acres on the northeast corner of Howe Road and BR27, from PO (Professional & Office) to BC(Business, Community) where the applicant is offering the restriction to use the property for self serve mini-storage, based on the fact that the request is not in conflict with recommendations of the Comprehensive Development Plan and is consistent with the existing land use pattern in the immediate area and that public utilities will not be provided at this site.

Motion voted and carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Tentative Prelim Plat
Ridge Rock II & III

Assistant Planner Niewiadomski reviewed his staff report, dated January 7, 2014, explaining the Planning Commission's consideration and recommended action for the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Ridge Rock Subdivision Phase II and Phase III.

Michael McGraw with Eastbrook Homes/Signature Land Development and Vern Moore with Spicer Group, were present representing the applicant.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Ridge Rock Subdivision, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to the following conditions: 1) In the event that the developer decides to plat this in two phases, the applicant shall be required to update the plans to include where the phase lines will be. In addition, an appropriate turnaround design would be required that meets the Township requirements prior to approval of the Final Preliminary Plat 2)A non-motorized easement and pathway be shown on the plans to provide connectivity to Padgett Park; 3)Sidewalks, streetlighting, and street trees be provided in the plans prior to the Final Preliminary Plat; 4)Engineering of improvements relating to Lots 23, 24, 32, 33, and 34 be verified through confirmation of the wetland delineation by MDEQ that these are buildable lots; 5)the applicant satisfies the requirements of the reviewing agencies. Motion voted and carried.

PA116 Farmland
Agmt/Bauerle

Assistant Planner Niewiadomski explained that the Township has received an Application for Farmland Agreement, Under PA116, from Russel and Connie Bauerle for 55.39 acres they own on the south side of Howe Road east of the intersection of Krepps, which requires local approval to the State. The applicants are requesting a ten year (the minimum) term for the agreement and the property was previously enrolled in the PA 116 program. His staff report, dated January 7, 2014, explained the process.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Application for PA 116 Farmland Agreement from Russel and Connie Bauerle as referenced by parcel number 050-012-200-005-50 for a period of ten years. Motion voted and carried.

Res R2014-01-02
Conditional Rezoning/
Fedewa RO13-880002

Galardi moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolution R2014-01-02, approving and authorizing the execution of the Conditional Rezoning Agreement, RO13-880002, with David and Mary Joe Fedewa.

**AYES: Galardi, Seeger, Balzer, Ross, Daggy, Mosier
NAYS: None Motion carried.**

- DARA Finance Agreement
REPORTS
- Balzer moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement between DeWitt Charter Township and the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2016. Motion voted and carried.**
- Budget Adj/Blight Elimination Grant
COMMENTS
- Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated January 10, 2014, explaining that the Township has been notified by the State of Michigan that they have approved our grant request for Blight Elimination at 16164 South US-27 (former Chip's Bar), allowing the Township to move forward with the purchase of this property. He reviewed the project's proposed budget, noting that because the Township will need to expend all of the dollars before reimbursement, it is necessary to do a budget adjustment for the total estimated budget of \$397,600, with approximately \$183,425 to be eligible for reimbursement.
- Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2014 Budget: \$397,600 to 101-265-977-000 (Township Hall Capital Expenditures) from 101-000-380-000 (425 Budget Reserves/Township's Share). Motion voted and carried.**
- Library Board Appointment
- Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Kara Thelen to the Library Board for a three year term, ending December 31, 2016. Motion voted and carried.**
- Firefighter Promotion
- Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to promote Firefighter Craig King to the rank of Lieutenant, effective immediately. Motion voted and carried.**
- MS4 Agmt/Tri County Regional Planning
- Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Amendment of Funding Agreement between Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and DeWitt Charter Township for assistance in managing the Township's Phase II Stormwater Management requirements. Motion voted and carried.**
- Time Off/Koos
- Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve Fire Chief Koos' time off request for more than 10 consecutive days in 2014, as required by his employment agreement. Motion voted and carried.**
- Employment/Police
- Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the hiring of Regina Mixon as an at-will, part-time employee, contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physical. Motion voted and carried.**
- REPORTS & COMMENTS
- Manager Taylor reported the following: he reviewed the plan he put in place for residents assistance with clean up from the ice storm; there seems to be renewed interest in the extension of Coleman Road (north of Eastwood); he has been working with a resident, Shirley Swick, to host a tax preparation assistance program sponsored through AARP; DARA is soliciting price quotes with the hope of acquiring software to automate the building scheduling process; he has had recent discussions with the Drain Commissioner regarding the Heritage Glen Pond, and the possibility of utilizing PA 188 funds for pond work; he will be off next week on vacation; he attended the recent Japanese exchange farewell program.

Trustee Seeger reported that the Clinton County Township Officers Association will meet Wednesday, January 15th, at Bengal Township Hall.

Trustee Ross reported that although he has still been somewhat involved with the Strategic Planning process for DARA, Treasurer Daggy is returning to her DARA appointment this month. He also noted that the next meeting for the Next Michigan Development Corporation will be March 19th.

Trustee Balzer reported the following: the Gunnisonville Historic Community Preservation Committee will hold a square dance and silent auction at Gunnisonville Meadows on Saturday, February 15th the silent auction beginning at 6:30 and dance at 7:00, and Brandino Properties providing the space and refreshments; she has been elected to the Clinton County Building Stronger Communities Council Steering Committee; she is glad to see that the DeWitt Bath Review is now being delivered to a broader section of the Township; she provided information on Corridor Improvement Authority business.

Treasurer Daggy reported that she is getting caught up on DARA business.

Clerk Mosier reported the following: she attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and provided an overview of the upcoming Police and Fire Millage Renewal question to go before the voters at the August Primary Election, noting that this issue will be before the Board for discussion in February; she thanked Manager Taylor for his work with the storm cleanup program and his efforts to develop an emergency plan for the Township.

Supervisor Galardi reported the following: he is working to set up a joint meeting with the Planning Commission, and another with the City of DeWitt and the DeWitt School District; he met with the DeWitt Postmaster to discuss development within the Township, and what addresses can be assigned to future development within the Clark/Airport Road area; he has requested that a hold be placed on dues/memberships for economic development organizations; he updated the Board on the recent succession planning meetings; he thanked Planning Chairperson Bruce Keilen for attending this evening's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor