

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
April 9, 2012 Minutes

Supervisor Galardi called the Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Max Calder

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, several citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: Board Minutes of 3-28-12 approved; General Fund Vouchers 59782 - 59855 approved. Motion voted and carried.**

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMM REPORT None present.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Police Department 2011 Annual Report; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; letter from the Clinton County Economic Alliance regarding a Watertown Township issue.

Supervisor Galardi commented on the 2011 Police Department Annual report which shows that crime statistics in DeWitt Township are down from the previous year. He suggested that Chief Russell might spend some time getting this information to the public.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed Planning Consultant Foulds memo, dated April 5, 2012, regarding
SUP 07-990007 the renewal of Special Use Permit 07-990007, E. T. MacKenzie for the excavation of soil and
MacKenzie/Clark Rd minerals on Clark Road. He noted that this is the fourth of four renewals allowed.
Excavation Operation

Ron Clark spoke, representing E. T. MacKenzie. He stated that due to the economy, less has been mined and hauled from the site than originally anticipated. He stated that if the economy picks up then the site has approximately two years of material still available. He stated that he will be making application for a new SUP later in the year, since he is certain that the Township would prefer to see this site utilized to its fullest rather than have E.T. Mackenzie apply for and start up another mining operation within the Township.

Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the renewal of Special Use Permit 07-990007, the existing excavation operation conducted by E. T. MacKenzie Company for property located on Clark Road in Section 22, for an additional one (1) year. Motion voted and carried.

Cell Tower Lease / Manager Taylor explained that this is a housekeeping matter that was previously approved by the
Addendum Board.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to authorize the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk to execute the Third Addendum to Lease Agreement with Alltell d/b/a Verizon Wireless to correctly modify the existing lease agreement to allow them to install additional equipment on the Township's water tower. Motion voted and carried.

Budget Adjustment Chief Russell reviewed his memo, dated March 29, 2012, detailing a firearms request and budget adjustment. Discussion determined that a credit with the vendor and sale of the existing firearms is a part of the recommendation.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the purchase of police firearms Glock 45's, and authorize a not to exceed cost of \$9,195, authorize the sale of the existing Glock's for no less than \$250 each, and approve a Budget Adjustment of \$6,300.75 from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance) to 101-301-977-000 (Capital Outlay). Motion voted and carried.

2012 Road Projects Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated April 5, 2012, outlining maintenance road projects. The road maintenance plan and the future for road funding was discussed. He noted that he will be returning with proposals for resurfacing projects in the near future.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the 2012 recommended road projects not to exceed \$61,912. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: the first Community Showcase (DeWitt Township, DeWitt City and DeWitt Schools sponsoring) will be held Thursday with over 120 vendors signed up to participate; the sidewalk petitions submitted by the Schavey Road residents has raised some questions about how a sidewalk assessment would be spread, and what at large formula would be appropriate.

The Board discussed the issue and Manager Taylor will return with some possibilities for assessment formulations for sidewalks.

Supervisor Galardi explained that he has offered Bath the opportunity to participate in future Community Showcase events.

Treasurer Daggy noted that her office is busy collecting sewer bills.

Clerk Mosier noted that the Auditors are here and should be done by mid-week.

EXTENDED
COMMENTS

Faye Hagy, 1745 E. Clark Road, spoke to several issues:

1. She asked questions regarding the MacKenzie mining operation and whether the public will be allowed to provide input if a new SUP is applied for.
2. She stated that she is still opposed to allowing Schlegel's to mine from their Clark Road property.
3. She is opposed to any casino to be located at Clark Corners. She is also opposed to the current state of the development located there. She intends to contact Board members to find their position on any proposed casino and she will circulate petitions to stop any such development.

Rebecca Stinson, 1841 E. Clark Road, stated that with the new casino proposal, the residents now know why the RV Park was approved at Clark and Wood Roads. She asked questions regarding road funding. She also stated that at a recent Planning Commission meeting, she and Faye were surprised at the difference in the treatment that residents commenting on Ridge Rock received, verses the way residents were previously treated when they commented on the Wood/Clark Road RV Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor