



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
January 30, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

The Special Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Clerk Cramton at 6:13 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Clerk Adam Cramton, Treasurer Sandy Stump, and Trustees David Seeger, Brian Ross, David Fedewa, and Steven Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT Supervisor Rick Galardi.

ALSO PRESENT Manager Andrew Dymczyk, Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, Chief Building Official Al Hoard, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.**

AYES: Smith, Seeger, Stump, Fedewa, Ross, Cramton.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Galardi.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PUBLIC HEARING
Hotel/Motel License
Revocation Hearing,
West View Motel,
15713 S US 27,
License Number
CHML22-08

Clerk Cramton opened the public hearing at 6:15 PM.

Clerk Cramton explained the intended purpose is to hear arguments, both for and against, the proposed Hotel/Motel license revocation of the West View Motel, operating at 15713 S US 27 by Mr. Uma Shanmugam. Representing DeWitt Township is Attorney David Revore. Representing Mr. Shanmugam is Attorney Jared Roberts.

Attorney Revore provided his opening statement. He stated that the proceedings tonight concern the license renewal process and recommendations from Township Staff. Attorney Revore outlined the property owner interactions with Township Staff, outstanding violations and hearing proceedings. Attorney Revore also stated that he has had conversations with Attorney Roberts about resolution prior to the public hearing.

Attorney Roberts provided his opening statement. It is not the Licensee's intent to challenge any of the violations, but to request more time to make the necessary repairs. Attorney Roberts presented the Board members a memo, dated January 27, 2023, that outlined and provided evidence of progress being made on the list of violations. At this time, it is noted that six units of the motel are occupied, and six units are unoccupied. Attorney Roberts states that some of the motel guests would require additional steps to clear the property. Attorney Roberts outlined a possible agreement to address the property concerns and the tenancy status of the Motel guests.

Board deliberation was focused on a possible agreement in advance of any witness testimony. After discussion with Attorneys Revore and Roberts, the Board agrees, in concept, to the terms of a proposed stipulation, to be authored and signed before the conclusion of the public hearing.

Ross moved, Stump seconded, to direct Attorneys Revore and Roberts, and Manager Dymczyk, to author a stipulation agreement with Uma Shanmugam describing the following actions:

- 1. Licensee agrees to vacate the property of all persons within seven (7) days of January 31, 2023, subject to tenant or guest rights under Michigan law. If residents fail to vacate the property, Licensee will initiate eviction proceedings.**
- 2. Licensee agrees to a 90-day voluntary suspension of License “CHML22-08 assigned to the property, during which time Licensee shall remediate all of the IPMC and IFC violations as indicated in the January 4, 2023 Notice for the Property.**
- 3. If Licensee fails to complete remediation of all the IPMC violations and IFC violations within 90 days of January 31, 2023, the Licensee agrees that license is revoked.**

AYES: Fedewa, Seeger, Stump, Smith, Ross, Cramton.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Galardi. Motion carried.

A recess was called at 6:57 PM to allow Attorneys Revore and Roberts, and Manager Dymczyk, time to author the stipulation agreement. The Public Hearing was reconvened at 7:38 PM.

The stipulation agreement was presented to the Board for review.

Cramton moved, Fedewa seconded, to concur with the stipulation agreement as presented, and to authorize Clerk Cramton to sign on behalf of the Township.

AYES: Ross, Smith, Stump, Seeger, Fedewa, Cramton.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Galardi. Motion carried.

The stipulation agreement was signed by Mr. Uma Shanmugam and Clerk Cramton.

The Board expressed appreciation for the Building and Fire departments for their diligence in pursuing and documenting the code violations, and for continuing to ensure safe structures in DeWitt Township.

Cramton moved, Seeger seconded, to close the public hearing at 7:49 PM.

AYES: Seeger, Fedewa, Stump, Smith, Ross, Cramton.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Galardi. Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC, None.
STAFF, & BOARD
COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn 7:49 PM.**

Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Cramton, Clerk



Rick Galardi, Supervisor