



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
March 14, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:01 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT** None.

**ALSO PRESENT** Manager Andrew Dymczyk, Police Chief Mike Gute, and Fire Chief Dave DeKorte.

**AGENDA** **Ross moved, Fedewa seconded, to approve the agenda.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA** **Seeger moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting draft minutes, February 28, 2022; and General Vouchers 73952-74002, Tax Vouchers 9406-9416.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**PRESENTATION** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** None.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Maner Costerisan Preliminary Governance Letter; and Clinton County Board of Commissioners Amendment to Zoning Ordinance – Marijuana-Related Activities on Land.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

NEW BUSINESS

Final Project Plan for  
SCCMUA Plant  
Improvements and  
Submittal for SRF  
Funding

Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority (SCCMUA) has worked with its consultants to identify a plan that will keep SCCMUA sustainable for the next 20 years based on the facilities' growth projections and mechanical needs.

The overall projected cost is nearly \$16 million which includes a 25% contingency as market conditions are currently challenging to predict. DeWitt Township's estimated portion of this cost is \$8.5 million. Submittal of the final project plan of SCCMUA's enhancements to the State of Michigan and submittal for State Revolving Fund (SRF) dollars does not commit SCCMUA to the project costs or SRF financing. If the project plan and SRF dollars are approved by the State of Michigan, the SCCMUA Board would still have to vote to accept this scope of work and type of funding.

The Budget and Finance Committee of SCCMUA is evaluating options for financing. This includes SRF dollars on a 30-year or 20-year interest rate, the use of SCCMUA reserve funds, and possible federal and state infrastructure grant opportunities.

SCCMUA Managing Director Gurski is asking each community for a resolution of support for submitting the project plan of plant enhancements and request for use of SRF dollars to the State of Michigan. Manager Dymczyk recommends adoption of the attached resolution of support. Managing Director Gurski attended the March 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting to answer any Board questions. He presented that there is a desired March 2023 bid opening for the project.

**Cramton moved, Ross seconded, to approve Resolution #2022-03-04 authorizing SCCMUA and its consultants Moore and Bruggink to prepare and submit a project plan for State Revolving Fund financing for SCCMUA plant enhancements.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried.**

Michigan Municipal  
Risk Management  
Authority (MMRMA)  
Grant

MMRMA provide different opportunities throughout the year to apply for grants. One of the programs is the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) grant. Fire Chief DeKorte spoke about the grant program at the November 8, 2021 Board meeting. The grant will be used to purchase in-vehicle recording systems for the fire department's nine fire apparatuses.

The application for the grant was submitted in November 2021. The grant awards committee for MMRMA met in February of 2022 to review the grant requests.

On February 23, 2022, Phil Kamm, Fire/EMS Risk Consultant for MMRMA, notified Fire Chief DeKorte that DeWitt Township will be awarded the grant funds and that the funds will cover 100 percent of the grant request, or \$7,270.00. Typically, MMRMA awards 50 percent of the grant request. MMRMA is very interested in the use of cameras in fire apparatus as this is a rarity in the Lansing area. They are looking forward to the documentation of driving, traffic conditions, traffic control, traffic collisions, and fire scene documentation.

**Fedewa moved, Ross seconded, to authorize the Fire Chief and Manager to accept the RAP Grant from MMRMA.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried**

Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association Scholarship The Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association (CAMCA) annually awards a scholarship to one of its members to attend the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC) Institute. This year, Clerk Cramton was selected as the recipient.

**Stump moved, Smith seconded, to accept, into the General Fund, the scholarship award from the Capitol Area Municipal Clerks Association in the amount of \$325.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried.**

Public Safety Committee Appointment

Steven Lennartz has applied to serve on the Public Safety Committee. He has served and retired from the DeWitt Charter Township Fire Department, and is passionate about Public Safety in this community. He comes to the assignment recommended by Trustee Fedewa and Fire Chief DeKorte.

With this appointment, DeWitt Charter Township will have the following Committee vacancies:

- Board of Review – 1 (alternate, ending 1/1/2023)
- Corridor Improvement Authority – 2 (ending 12/31/2025)
- Public Safety Committee – 1 (ending 12/31/2023)
- Salary Compensation Commission – 1 (ending 12/31/2023)
- Zoning Board of Appeals – 1 (ending 12/31/2023)

**Seeger moved, Smith seconded, to concur with Supervisor Galardi's appointment of Steven Lennartz to the Public Safety Committee for the remainder of a 4-year term that expires on 12/31/2025.**

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

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: None.**

**Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC, STAFF, & BOARD COMMENTS

Deirdre Thompson, 11891 Schavey Rd., spoke in support of the public safety departments of the Township. She feels that it is important to invest in our police and fire departments to maintain the security and safety for residents. She also requested that the Board look at changing the date of its meetings in the future to avoid conflicts with DeWitt City Council and DeWitt Public Schools Board.

Police Chief Mike Gute informed the Board of his pride for the Police Department and how the Township's Officers comported themselves during a recent difficult call at a local motel. He is confident that, should similar situations arise, the department is well positioned to act as regional leaders. There are now two new cars in service, and the new radios have been activated and are well received. A request for proposal (RFP) has been

submitted for body worn cameras. Chief Gute informed the Board that the department is beginning to see fentanyl making its way into the Township. Lastly, Chief Gute introduced new Officer Megan Parviainen. She has just completed field training and is happy to serve the Township.

Fire Chief Dave DeKorte has had a dissimilar experience with the new radio system as there have been difficulties activating the paging system and emergency sirens. March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 PM there will be a state-wide tornado siren test. Chief DeKorte also informed the Board of a recent fire in the garage of a newly-built multi-family structure, and he complimented the building codes and Township Building Officials as the reason that the fire remained contained and did not spread throughout the structure.

Manager Dymczyk offer the following updates:

- Sergeant testing was conducted last week.
- Board Room and Conference Room 1 audio/video training was held for department heads. There are a few loose ends to tie up with the install.
- Two Personnel Committee meetings have been held in regard to the Officer Stump separation.
- There was a meeting with Officer Stump, Union representatives, and Township legal representation to determine next steps. A joint letter of agreement is forthcoming.
- Municipal Building South (new fire station) committee met last week.
- Clinton County Local Roads Projects meeting will be held tomorrow.
- SCCMUA Board meeting tomorrow.

Trustee Smith called upon everyone to support the new Culvers restaurant.

Trustee Fedewa notified the Board that the Planning Commission has a desire to have a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees. The Board discussed the possibility of using the joint meeting to review the housing study.

Trustee Ross notified the Board of a Lansing Board of Water and Light Human Resources Committee meeting tomorrow to fill a pair of vacancies.

Treasurer Stump informed the Board that the tax roll has been settled and sent to the County. Township audit fieldwork has wrapped, and DARA audit will begin this week.

Clerk Cramton presented that the Election Commission was convened earlier the evening, as required, for the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Lansing Public Schools Election. The Remy-Chandler Intercounty Drain Board will be meeting in the Township Board Room on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Lastly, Clerk Cramton will be attending MAMC Clerk's Institute the week of March 21<sup>st</sup>, and will be on vacation the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

ADJOURNMENT      **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 7:53 PM.**

**Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam Cramton".

Adam Cramton, Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Galardi".

Rick Galardi, Supervisor