



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
August 8, 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 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT Steven Smith.

ALSO PRESENT Manager Andrew Dymczyk, Interim Police Chief Jason Jones, Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, and several citizens.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Stump seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Board of Trustees regular meeting draft minutes, July 25, 2022; Board of Trustees special meeting draft minutes, July 25, 2022; Board of Trustees special meeting draft minutes, July 26, 2022; and General Vouchers 74500-74553, Tax Vouchers 9417-9423.**

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION None.

PUBLIC HEARING None.

**COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
REPORT** None.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: DeWitt Township Police Department June 2022 activity report; and DeWitt Township 2nd quarter performance dashboard update.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS** None.

NEW BUSINESS

Port Lansing Site
Readiness Grant – set
public hearing

Since 2019, the Township has worked with the Capital Region International Airport, Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), and Lansing Economic Area Partnership on a Port Lansing Site Readiness project to achieve preliminary engineering designs, improving the ability of a vacant 37-acre site's ability to attract and expand business.

Funding for this project was awarded by MEDC's Site Readiness Improvement Program and closing out this grant award requires a Public Hearing to be set by the recipient agency. Manager Dymczyk recommends setting a closeout public hearing on August 22, 2022 for the purpose of satisfying Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requirements.

Ross moved, Galardi seconded, to set a closeout public hearing on August 22, 2022 for the purpose of satisfying CDBG funding requirements.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion carried.

Paid-on-call Fire
Fighters and
Emergency Responders
– new hire

Oral interviews were conducted on August 1st, 2022. The interview panel consisted of Manager Dymczyk, Assistant Fire Chief North, and Fire Chief Dave DeKorte. The panel recommends the hiring of Jordan Dick and Stacy Pace for the position of paid-on-call firefighter and emergency medical responder.

Ross moved, Cramton seconded, to approve the hiring of Jordan Dick and Stacy Pace upon the successful completion of their ability evaluations and pre-physical evaluation.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion carried.

DeWitt Township
Block Party allocation

The DeWitt Township Block Party is scheduled for September 24, 2022, from 4PM to 7PM, utilizing the collective space between the Township Hall and Fire Station 2. As the event date approaches, the estimated costs and donation totals are taking shape, with the resident led effort raising \$650 in donations with additional pledges expected to be collected. The Township and organizers have estimated a \$12,000 fundraising target for the event.

In the event fundraising efforts do not meet the intended target, Manager Dymczyk recommends a Township allocation towards this event not to exceed \$3,000. This will ensure that the Township and organizers are able to promote the health, safety, and wellness of our community through showcasing our public safety departments at the DeWitt Township Block Party.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve Township participation in the DeWitt Township Block Party 2022 on September 24, 2022, from 4PM to 7PM, held at the Township Hall parking lot, and funding not to exceed \$3,000, to promote the health, safety, and wellness of our community through showcasing the Township's public safety departments.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Smith.

Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC, STAFF, & BOARD COMMENTS Fire Chief Dave DeKorte informed the Board that Administrative Assistant Laura Plaza will be attending the Michigan State Police Safety Fair. Automobile crashes have been increasing in frequency.

Interim Police Chief Jason Jones stated that felony arrests are continuing to increase. He also presented that Sergeant Darnell's name has been added to the Michigan Law Enforcement Memorial in Lansing.

Manager Dymczyk offered updates on the following:

- Difficulty finding viable candidates for the open Police Officer position
- Brook Road fire site cleanup status
- Town and Country post-revocation-hearing meeting
- Department Head budget meetings this week
- Code enforcement options at Rotunda Trailer Park

Trustee Seeger presented that a group of interested residents have visited and reviewed the recently listed Gunnisonville School.

Clerk Cramton presented the voter turnout results from the Tuesday, August 2, State Primary election.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn 7:25 PM.

Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Cramton, Clerk



Rick Galardi, Supervisor