

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 11, 2006

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: Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Interim Manager/Planning Director Jeffrey Gray, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos and County Commissioner Robert Showers.

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

MINUTES **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2006 meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Copy of Manager Position Advertisement; Clinton County Jail Stats from Clinton County Sheriff; Letter from Department of Natural Resources regarding Amendments to Commercial Forest Statute; November Activity Reports; Letter from Michael R. DeVos, Executive Director, Michigan State Housing Development Authority regarding Partnership for Rural Investment; Thank You note from DeWitt Public Library; Fire Department "Burning Issues" Newsletter; Memo from Phil Hanes, County Drain Commissioner regarding #954 Looking Glass Pines Drain; Letter from Comcast regarding digital package pricing and service; Invitation to farewell party and open house for outgoing Clinton County Commissioners.

REPORTS County Commissioner Robert Showers advised that in 2007 CATS will have a bus that will be devoted to the greater DeWitt area with curb to curb service on a daily basis.

Clerk Mosier advised the Board that the Township staff has adopted three families for the Christmas holidays. All three families reside within the Township.

Treasurer Daggy advised that the Winter Tax bills have gone out and her office is now in the process of preparing the 4th Quarter Sewer Billing.

Trustee Seeger stated Wednesday night should be the last Open Space Committee meeting. A recommendation should be forthcoming in January.

Interim Manager Jeff Gray advised that he has followed up on the request

from the residents of Willow Creek Farms for a speed reduction on Airport Road and upon researching this he found that the Township Board had requested a study of that very issue in 2003. He advised that the Clinton County Road Commission and State Police Department did a speed study and found that this area did not warrant a reduction in speed limit because traffic is traveling at a higher rate of speed, than the posted speed limit. He shared with the homeowners association members that it is the Boards sentiment that the speed limit should have been lowered a long time ago. He also advised the homeowners that the County Road Commission has indicated that they will continue to monitor Airport Road as development occurs, which would include the development of commercial and office use at the corner of Clark and Airport Roads.

Gray advised that Attorney Robinson has provided a copy of a opinion on a court case between Comstock Township and Kalamazoo Township whereby they challenged the MDEQ's ability to require townships to comply with Phase 2 storm water requirements and they were successful in court. Gray stated that he would be in contact with Attorney Robinson to see what this might mean for DeWitt Township.

Gray advised that he was recently contacted by a Township resident who happens to be an MDOT employee who is participating with the DeWitt School District in the Safe Schools Program where the school district develops a walkability plan, finding obstacles for kids walking to schools (i.e. not enough sidewalks) and also developing an educational plan to encourage kids to walk to school more. A positive outlook for the Township in this is there are federal dollars available for actually building sidewalks where they are identified as necessary. On January 10, 2007 he will be participating at a meeting with the school district, MDOT, Road Commission and DeWitt City officials to help get this program started. He hopes that Chief Russell will be attending these meetings as well to provide input on various public safety issues.

VOUCHERS

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 51116 - 51180 and Tax Fund Vouchers 6586 – 6590. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS

Ord. Amend. 110.2

Second Reading

Clerk Mosier briefly recapped the proposed amendment to the Ordinance which was before the Board for the Second Reading.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to adopt Ordinance Amendment 110.2, DeWitt Township Liquor Ordinance, on Second Reading.

AYES: Ross, Calder, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman

NAYS: None Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Consulting Services-
Economic Development

Interim Manager Gray reviewed his memorandum, dated December 8, 2006, regarding the Township entering into an agreement for professional services with Economics Consulting Services, LLC. which would assist the Township in becoming better educated to the economic development tools and programs that are available, and participate in discussions with various agencies to identify tools that could be utilized by the Township.

John Hanieski, Ph. D. introduced himself and provided the Board with his intentions, background and desire in working with and educating the Township in economics and economic development.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, that the Township Board approve the Agreement for Professional Services between Economics Consulting Services, LLC and DeWitt Charter Township and authorize the Supervisor to execute the same, subject to the changes as recommended by the Township Attorney in his correspondence to Interim Manager Gray, dated December 11, 2006. Motion voted and carried.

Resolution 061177
Liquor Control
Commission – Cork &
Bottle Winery

Clerk Mosier introduced the applicants who are applying for the winery liquor license and briefly reviewed the process and the Townships requirements within the Township Liquor Control Ordinance. She pointed out that the license being applied for through the State Liquor Control Commission is the Small Wine Maker License, which requires local approval in the form of a Resolution by the Township Board.

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolution 061177, recommending approval of the Cork and Bottle Winery Small Wine Maker License to the State Liquor Control Commission.

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

Resolution 061178
Local Liquor License -
Cork & Bottle Winery

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolution 061178 granting conditional approval of the Cork and Bottle Winery Application for a new Beer and Wine License under the provisions of Ordinance 110.2

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

2007 Wage Schedule

Supervisor Galardi stated that the 2007 Classification and Wage Scale, as presented by Interim Manager Gray, reflects a 3% increase in all steps.

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, that the Township Board approve the 2007 Classification and Wage Scale as presented. Motion voted and carried.

2006 Budget
Adjustments

Clerk Mosier briefly reviewed her memorandum to the Board, dated December 6, 2006, relative to 2006 Budget Adjustments that need to be done prior to the end of the year.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, that the Township Board approve the following budget adjustments: General Fund to:

				<u>Justification</u>
Elections	101-195-702-000 Salaries	\$ 5,000		actual costs/3 elections
Elections	101-195-727-000 Supplies	\$ 1,000		actual costs/3 elections
Manager	101-171-702-000 Salaries	\$19,150		calculated y/e total
Clerk	101-215-702-000 Salaries	\$4,000		Salary Comp
Fire	101-336-978-000 Vehicle Rep	\$28,000		2005 expense pd in 06/ladder

from 101-000-390-000 General Fund Bal \$61,690

Streetlight Fund

to: 861-448-920-000 Utilities \$28,000
projected actual
cost of utilities

from: 861-000-390-000 SL Fund Balance \$28,000

Motion voted and carried.

Committee &
Commission
Appointments

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's recommendation to make the following appointments: to reappoint Stephen Gobbo as the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Appeals for a one year term ending on 12/31/07 and to reappoint Robert Reese, III and Christopher LaGrand to the Board of Appeals for three year terms ending 12/31/09; to reappoint Bruce Keilen, Mike Nolen, and Stephen Gobbo to the Planning Commission for three year terms ending on 12/31/09; to reappoint Norman Farnum, Al Harrison, and Concetta D'Agostino to the Board of Review for two year terms ending on 12/31/08; to reappoint Diane Mosier to the Library Board for a three year term ending on 12/31/09; to reappoint Janis Penton, Judy Martiny, and Bob Ancel to the Sewer Board of Appeals for five year terms ending on 2011; to reappoint Mary Winegar to the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority for a three year term ending on 12/31/09; to reappoint Charlene Schaar to the DeWitt City/DeWitt Township Sister City Community Board for a four year term ending on 12/31/10; to appoint the Trustees to one year terms ending on 12/31/07 as follows: David Seeger to the Board of Appeals, Stephen Musselman to the Public Safety Committee, Brian Ross to the Planning Commission, and Max Calder to the Southern Clinton County Municipal Utilities Authority.

Motion voted and carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC
COMMENTS

Fire Chief Fred Koos stated, that on behalf of the fire department, he would like to thank the Township Board for their support this year and wished all a Merry Christmas. He also advised the Board that he is now a member of the Board of the 100 Club and he will be a representative of fire services on the Board of Directors of the 100 Club.

Police Chief Brian Russell stated, that on behalf of the police department, he would like to thank the Township Board for their support this year. He advised the Board that the Township Police Department participated in a Tri-County wide program call "Fill a Cop Car" to help restore the Food Bank for the greater Lansing area. Officer Murphy represented DeWitt Township for four hours and said he can not enough good things about the

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program and the participation and generosity of the people in this community. Murphy advised that their car was filled three times. The Police Department is also going to be participating in the "Shop with a Cop" Program on December 14th.

BOARD COMMENTS

Supervisor Galardi offered his focus for the Township for the upcoming new year and asked for the continued support of the Township Board and staff. He also advised the Board that he will be resigning from the DACA Board as his time commitment to the Township has intensified and as Supervisor of the Township he must define his priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

**Seeger moved, seconded by Musselman, to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.
Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor