DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP 1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI REGULAR BOARD MEETING February 13, 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, Trustees: Jeff Baumann, Max Calder, Steve Musselman, David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

Also Present: Manager Matthew Kulhanek, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, County Commissioner Robert Showers, and several citizens.

AGENDA Baumann moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, adding

Appointments to the Sister City Board under New Business. Motion

voted and carried.

MINUTES Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the minutes of the

January 23, 2006 meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None received.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: request for a Luminary Walk at

Granger Meadows Park from Deanna Alexander; January statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; Burning Issues Fire Department Newsletter; Office Recycling information from Granger; Leaders & Achievers Scholarship information from Comcast; December/January Activity Report; Wolverine

Pipeline Update; Legislative Update from congressman Rogers.

Manager Kulhanek provided details on the Wolverine Pipeline maintenance project within the Township. He explained that because litigation has delayed installation of a new pipeline, maintenance to the existing pipeline will need to be accomplished. He provided maps showing six Township locations on the Andrews and Zeeb properties.

Commissioner Showers provided an update on County projects. He also reported that the County Drain Commissioner and the Clinton County Road Commission have now been named on a lawsuit relating to the Creekside drainage issues.

Commissioner Showers initiated discussion on a local effort within the County to investigate for an organization to promote economic development within Clinton County. He noted that the effort is lead by David Ivan, the Clinton County Extension Director, and that the County Commissioners will be soon addressing the issue.

Supervisor Galardi stated, relative to future County facility improvements, that he would like to see any building (conference facility) constructed with County

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tax dollars located near the County's population base which would be in the southern tier of the County. He stated that this location should make any conference facility more marketable and therefore more successful. Supervisor Galardi also stated that although the Township will soon be doing an inventory of open space or "green space" and that until that is accomplished, he believes that the Township has no interest in funding any County wide open space initiative.

Commissioner Showers stated that there is no immediate plan for the County to build a conference type facility, however, there has been discussion for the future regarding the County's need for a conference facility. He thanked Supervisor Galardi for his input regarding open space and/or preservation of development rights. Commissioner Showers provided a brief update on the rails-to-trails initiative involving Clinton County.

Supervisor Galardi reported the following: he is confident that representatives from the Airport are willing to open discussions as requested at the previous Board meeting; he will be meeting with Auto Owners this week; he provided an update on the current cultural initiative being promoted by DACA.

Clerk Mosier reported that the audit field work is complete.

Manager Kulhanek reported the following: another major turfing incident has occurred at Granger Meadows Park and the previous incident is reaching resolution within the courts; Granger has purchased the billboard contract for those billboards existing on their property along BR27; Meijer is continuing to move forward with plan review nearly complete and a meeting established to address water service issues with the Board of Water & Light; he provided an update on a meeting held relative to the Remy Chandler Drainage District, where another assessment was announced, when we are only in the second year of our current assessment which was substantial; he has drawings provided by the Airport showing their future expansions.

Manager Kulhanek initiated discussion regarding the position of Michigan State Police on speed limits of several Township roads.

Mosier moved, Baumann seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Library Board meeting of January 11, 2005. Motion voted and carried.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Fund Vouchers 48308 – 48394, Tax Fund Vouchers 6016 – 6032, Trust & Agency Fund Vouchers 4635 – 4638, Streetlight Fund Vouchers 1409 & 1410, Sewer Fund Vouchers 2956 – 2959, and Electronic Fund Transfers January 1, 2, 3 & February 4. Motion voted and carried.

DARA Director Staci Leyko reviewed the DARA Annual Report. Supervisor Galardi thanked Leyko for her input and he commitment to the success of DARA.

Baumann moved, Seeger seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Donna Spicer from the Public Safety Committee. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Charlene Schaar for a one year term ending 12/31/06, Nancy Woodruff for a two year term ending 12/31/07 and Stephen

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NEW BUSINESS DARA Annual Report

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Sister City Appointments

Twp Board Minutes February 13, 2006 Pg 3 Musselman for a three year term ending 12/31/08 to the DeWitt Sister City Community Board. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loretta Spinrad, DACA President, stated that recent discussions with members of the DeWitt Garden Club raised the issue of a possible children's garden. She suggested that the Township might want to consider what sites they might have available.

Spinrad also reviewed the purpose of the Clinton County group exploring the issue of economic development.

COMMENTS

Fire Chief Koos reported that the Fire Department will be assisting former Fire Marshal Bob White with the need for a wheel chair ramp. Supervisor Galardi commended the department for their effort. Koos also reported that a recent tour was taken of the new Grand Ledge Meijer's store.

ADJOURNMENT

Fire Chief Koos reported on a recent incident within the Township which he felt had inadequate response time from Mercy.

Seeger moved, Baumann seconded, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk