

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2007

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, and Brian Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee David Seeger

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Fire Chief Fred Koos, Police Chief Brian Russell, Clinton County Commissioner Robert Showers, and several citizens.

AGENDA

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included the following: ISO Rating information; Notice of Determination of Necessity for the Hayes Branch of the John Voltz Drain from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; April Activity Report; Library support letters; Legislative Update from Congressman Rogers; information from Comcast regarding their Michigan Investment; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; information from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner regarding brush cutting; fee changing information from Comcast; school election results from Clerk Mosier.

Trustee Ross initiated discussion regarding the ISO Rating. He indicated that the Board of Water and Light is responsible for our fire hydrant inspection, and the Township pays for this service. He explained that the relative score in that category was low, and we may need to contact them.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Commissioner Showers provided an update on happenings at the County.

Supervisor Galardi and Manager Taylor will soon be meeting with the DeWitt City Mayor and Administrator. He also reported on a recent meeting with Lansing City Mayor Bernaro.

Clerk Mosier reported on the recent Board of Determination meeting which she and Trustee Seeger attended.

Treasurer Daggy reported positive response to the offering of AHC payments for residents. She also reported attending the Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the Library project at the Community Center is moving ahead with purchase orders out to vendors for construction; Phase II update indicates that the DEQ is taking an approach which may require us to continue participation in the program, also we are

continuing membership in the GRLC; citizen contacts include comments from Howe Road residents; road closure procedures may need examination to make sure all agencies are being informed; a church group will be holding an overnight "homeless" experience within Granger Meadows Park; a local resident will be placing bird houses in Granger Meadows Park; there were some complaints about signs recently placed at SCCMUA and some noise generated by the operation of the plant; it has been determined that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will need to be updated in 2008 and the possibility of working with the City of DeWitt for a joint plan will be investigated; the watertower inspection is complete and a report will be forthcoming; Clinton County Transit is expanding their service and conducting an outreach to let users know about the changes; a legislative information meeting is still being planned and he is working with the City of St. Johns to coordinate with legislators.

Planning Director Gray reported on the progress of the Clinton County Economic Alliance effort. He also reported on proposed changes to the structure of the Red Team.

VOUCHERS

Galardi moved, Daggy seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 51778 – 51922. Motion voted and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

South Central Area Plan
Proposals

Planning Director Gray reviewed his memo, dated May 10, 2007, regarding the selection of a firm to assist with the South Central Area Plan study.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to accept the proposal from Vilican Leman to complete the South Central Area Plan at a cost not to exceed \$24,600.

Calder moved, Ross seconded, to table the vote on the above motion. Motion voted and carried.

2007 CIP Update

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo addressing revised Capital Improvement Projects and the budgets for the same. He noted that this issue was discussed at the Special Board Meeting budget workshop as outlined in his memo dated May 14, 2007. He noted that these projects were previously budgeted, however, since they were not completed and paid for, some of the projects need budget adjustments to allow completion and payment in 2007.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the CIP project shown in the Manager's memo dated May 14, 2007, and the following relative budget adjustments: \$80,000 to Community Center Capital Projects (101-263-977-000) from General Fund Balance, \$25,000 to Planning Consultants (101-401-977-900) from General Fund Balance, and \$20,000 to Physical Plant Capital (101-262-977-000) from General Fund Balance. Motion voted and carried.

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to remove the South Central Area Plan Proposal from the table. Motion voted and carried.

Vote on motion to accept the proposal from Vilican Leman to complete the South Central Area Plan at a cost not to exceed \$24,000. Motion voted and carried.

Streetlight Relocation

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo dated May 8, 2007, regarding streetlight

relocation requested by residents within Willow Creek Farms. The issue and options were discussed.

Daggy moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to work with Consumers Energy to move the existing streetlight located between Willow Creek Farms and Riverside Estates/Lockinvar, approximately 30 feet from its current location north along Tustin Way, with the cost for moving the light to be charged to 861-448-956-000.

Trustee Ross stated that he would like the motion to include the cost discussed.

He also stated that he will support this proposal due to the confusion with the subdivision name used in the publication. He noted that this action should not establish a precedent for future requests.

Calder moved, Mosier seconded, to amend the motion to include a “not to exceed cost of \$540.00.” Amendment voted and carried.

Amended motion voted and carried.

2007 Road Projects

Calder moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the contracts with the Clinton County Road Commission, for the road improvements and chloride applications, as presented, and authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

Clerk Mosier requested that Manager Taylor monitor the gravel roads to determine if additional chloride applications are necessary.

2007 Summer Tax
Collection Agmts

Daggy moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the 2007 Summer Tax Collection Agreements and authorize the Supervisor and Treasurer to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

Loretta Spinrad provided information on a June 26th event within the City of DeWitt where the DACA will be hosting a movie in the park following the annual car show.

Chief Koos reported that our new mobile training unit is nearly complete. He also reported that the Fire Department is promoting hiring medical first responders who will not do fire response, to determine if this may solve some of our staffing issues.

Planning Director Gray reported on an issue with signs in Willow Creek Farms.

Treasurer Daggy reported that Staci/DARA is working to determine what programs senior citizens within the community would like established. Tri-County has expressed an interest in re-establishing a dining site at the Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor