

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 8, 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, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, Clinton County Commissioner Eileen Heideman, and several citizens.

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| AGENDA | Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried. |
| MINUTES | Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2007, Special Meeting, and the September 24, 2007, Regular Meeting. Motion voted and carried. |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | None.

Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing on the 2008 Proposed Budget at 7:02 p.m. |
| PUBLIC HEARING
2008 PROPOSED
BUDGET | Manager Taylor explained any minor changes to the document. There was no public comment.

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion voted and carried. |
| CORRESPONDENCE | Correspondence included the following: notice of Public Hearing from the City of DeWitt; September Activity Report; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Legislative Update from Congressman Rogers; HB 4780-88 information from State Representative Opsommer; DeWitt Public Library Satellite Branch Grand Opening announcement. |
| REPORTS &
COMMENTS | County Commissioner Heideman stated that the Board must be doing a good job, since no one provided comment on the 2008 Proposed Budget.

Manager Taylor reported the following: resident contacts include Richard Barry regarding the lack of a shoulder on State Road at the 127 overpass and Diana Bailey, family member offering the Fancher property to the Township; he continues to work with Tri-County on fire regional possibilities, and recent discussions have begun with Bath Township to find other ways to work together in fire service; he and Planning Director Jeff Gray recently met with Standard & Poors regarding the Township's bond rating; he continues to work |

on the Herbison Road sewer project and with Bath Township to get an agreement for cost sharing on the project, with said agreement to also address future usage of the main; the trees that were approved for purchase at the last meeting do have a one year warranty; the election to unionize the maintenance department is underway; the Building Department is working with the Country Walk of DeWitt condo development located on Stoll Road to accommodate a special need for an occupancy prior to project finalization; an issue has been brought to light regarding sewer connection fees relating to the Schavey Road Plaza, where approximately \$7,500 is due based on recalculations, and back usage charges will not be sought; the bids for the Community Center are due next week, with significant interest by contractors; he attended a Sustainable Community session with the Assistant Planner, Harmony Gmazel, at Clinton County, which involved visioning to help attain and maintain an attractive, healthy, livable, and a sustainable community; he has begin the process of discussing contracts with both the Police and Fire Chief, with both contract expiring at the end of this year; last Saturday the fall Clean Sweep event was successfully held at the Granger Landfill on Wood Road; the final numbers are in for the successful 2007 Meet the Meadows event, with final costs of \$16,278 shared equally by Granger and the Township, which is a 12% decrease from last years expenditures while attendance and participation was up from 2006.

Taylor reported that he State has been reviewing our MS4 Permit (Phase II compliance) and has determined that the Township's Herbison Road operation has been classified as a "complex." He explained that because we serve less than 1,000 under the permit, they are reducing the permit fee from \$2,000 to \$500. He noted that even under this determination, we will still have the responsibility to comply with all other aspects of the permit. Attorney Robinson is reviewing this matter and the Board will hear more about this issue in the near future. There was lengthy discussion regarding DEQ interpretations of the Phase II requirements and recent court rulings.

The following topics were discussed briefly: the possibility of equalization basins in Bath Township as an alternative to larger pipes through DeWitt Township to get the Bath flow to the SCCMUA; the Fancher property; the success of the Clean Sweep program.

COMMITTEES &
COMMISSIONS
Board of Appeals

Trustee Seeger reported reviewed the minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of September 19, 2007.

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to receive the place on file the minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of September 19, 2007. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve General Operating Vouchers 52613 – 52701 and Tax Fund Vouchers 6751 – 6766. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS
Granger –Set Public
Hearing for Granger
Industrial Development
District Request

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to schedule a Public Hearing to consider the Granger Electric Company request for the establishment of an Industrial Development District, pursuant to Act 198 of 1974, for November 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt Charter Township Hall, 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, Michigan. Motion voted and carried.

Establish Ad Hoc
Grievance Committee

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointees of Clerk Mosier, Treasurer Daggy and Trustee Calder to the Ad Hoc Grievance Committee, and to refer the police non-supervisory grievance on seniority to the Ad Hoc Grievance Committee. Motion voted and carried.

Establish Millage Rate
L-4029

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Township millage rate as presented on form L-4029 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

South Central Area
Visioning - Set
Special Meeting

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to set a Special Meeting of the Township Board to be held jointly with the Planning Commission, for October 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at the DeWitt Township Community Center, 16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI to conduct a community visioning session for the South Central Area Plan. Motion voted and carried.

Executive Session
Collective Bargaining/
Police

Mosier moved, Galardi seconded, to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining/Police at 7:45 p.m.

**Ayes: Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Calder, Ross, Seeger
Nays: None Motion carried.**

Supervisor Galardi reconvened the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Fire Chief Koos reported on trees being cut and burned near the airport.

COMMENTS

Police Chief Russell reported that the number of organized Neighborhood Watch groups is increasing.

Trustee Ross noted that he will be absent at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor