

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2010

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor; Police Chief Brian Russell; County Commissioner Robert Showers; Sava Vosovic, Fire Lt. Dave Fedewa, Assistant Fire Chief Ed North, members of the Fire Apparatus Committee; Firefighter Don Fox, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Ross moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, removing Item 3, Ball Field Sponsorship Policy, from New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES **Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Regular Board meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS Wayne Miller, 1325 East Twinbrook, spoke regarding the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant for the proposed Miracle Field. He stated that the article in the newspaper left him opposed to the project. Discussion followed and he thanked the Board for their input and clarifications regarding the project.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT Commissioner Showers provided an update on County Commissioner business. Noteworthy among his comments was the proposed 27% in County health care costs.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: 2009 Fire Department Annual Report; memo from Assessor Tafelsky regarding 2010 Board of Review; annual meeting dates and times from the Clinton County Road Commission; February Activity Report; Clinton Conservation District Annual Event Reminder.

Trustee Ross commented positively on the Fire Department Annual Report.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MTGS Trustee Calder reviewed the Planning Commission meeting minutes of March 3, 2010.
Planning Comm

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 1, 2010. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment 225.6 remained tabled for First Reading.

NEW BUSINESS CDD Trent reviewed the staff report from Planning Consultant Foulds on SUP 10-990001, applicant Janelle Taylor, to operate a one chair beauty shop.
Township Board Minutes

SUP 10-990001
Janelle Taylor

There was discussion regarding what is allowed based on the subdivision's restrictive covenants and the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Special Use permit 10-990001 from Janelle Taylor to operate a one chair beauty shop on the property located at 3178 Grandview Lane, on the following basis: 1)upon compliance with the conditions of the Special Use Permit, the plans will comply with the site plan review standards and special conditions of Section 7.13.15 listed in the Zoning Ordinance for beauty shops/home occupations 2)the standards of the Basis for Determination listed in Section 7.4.3 of the Zoning Ordinance have been met 3)that the applicant determine from the Township Building Official any impact on the existing sewer system and the requirement for any additional fees prior to the issuance of the Special Use Permit. Motion voted and carried.

Resolution 100304 -
Proposed Sidewalk
Deferment-Purity

CCD Trent reviewed the staff report dated March 17, 2010, from Planning Consultant Foulds, regarding a request for a sidewalk three year deferment for property located at 1065 and 1035 Mak-Tech Drive (Lots #8 & #9 of Mak-Tech Industrial Park).

CCD Trent explained that staff has been working diligently to encourage and support the development of this new business and additional jobs within DeWitt Township. He noted that this site lies within the South Central Area Plan boundary and represents a development example which was envisioned within the policies of that plan.

Trent explained that staff has worked with this owner and developer to continue development of the project within their budget constraints, therefore the proposal for a deferment of the BR-27 sidewalk. He stated that staff has promised to put forth their "best efforts" to support a decision by the Board to grant the three year deferment on this portion of the sidewalk.

The following points were made during discussion: this is not a waiver of the sidewalk requirement, but a deferment; there are connecting sidewalks to the north of this development so this is not a "sidewalk to nowhere" situation; a new sidewalk ordinance amendment is pending which, among other provisions, will allow deferments for sidewalk installation; within the new ordinance, approvals for deferments or waivers will be considered by the Planning Commission as a part of their regular approval process.

The Board asked for clarification within the Resolution to assure that once deferred, the sidewalk installation should be completed within the three year time period.

It was the consensus of the Board that installation of sidewalks along the BR-27

corridor, in the southern tier, is a priority and staff should be aware of that priority in the future.

Seeger moved, Galardi seconded, to approve, as recommended by the Planning Commission and reviewed by the Township Attorney, a three year deferment of sidewalk installation for property located at 1065 and 1035 Mak-Tech Drive, by adoption of Resolution 100304.

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

Bath Sewer Agreement

Manager Taylor explained that Bath Township is moving forward with their project to replace the sewer interceptor that runs from Chandler Road to just east of the Remy Chandler Drain (west of Wood Road and behind the Twinbrook subdivision) with plans to begin construction of this sewer force main in May. He reviewed the contract, drafted by Attorney Robinson, explaining that this agreement with Bath Township will eliminate an existing Township liability, protect our citizens along the route during construction, and have no cost to ratepayers of DeWitt Township.

Manager Taylor noted that he sent a letter to all citizens owning property along the project route in an attempt to keep them informed on this project. He reported receiving one call from a Chandler Road resident.

Robert Zeeb, 2840 E. Herbison Road, Bath, (Township resident and former Township Supervisor) spoke to several specifics within the contract. He also expressed his concern with possible future liability issues he may face relating to the abandonment, or lack of abandonment of the existing sewer main. Manager Taylor will continue to work out the contract details and resident issues with Attorney Robinson and Bath Township.

Manager Taylor pointed out that the contract will be on the agenda of the next Board meeting for possible action.

Recommendation to

Fire Chief Koos reviewed his written report, dated March 18, 2010, which detailed

Purchase Fire Pumper & Fire Tanker

the Apparatus Committee purchase recommendations. Lengthy discussion included the committee process utilized; the actual evaluation process of the bids received; and the funding process, which includes a loan from the Township's Water Fund and federal grant monies awarded to contribute toward the purchases.

Fire Lieutenant Dave Fedewa spoke in support of the committee recommendation. He noted that he is also a resident, and believes that the recommended purchases, and grant monies awarded to assist in the purchases, accomplish the best possible outcome for providing fire services to the residents of DeWitt Township.

Former Supervisor Robert Zeeb provided some historical information about the

purchase of the tanker currently in use by the department.

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to enter into a contractual agreement with FLSI and Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology for the purchase of one (1) Rosenbauer Central States Pumper mounted on one (1) Spartan Metro Star chassis and one (1) Rosenbauer Central States Tanker mounted on an International Chassis for a total cost of \$590,348. Motion voted and carried.

Resolution 100302
Michigan Natural
Resources Trust
Fund Grant

Manager Taylor reviewed his staff report, dated March 19, 2010, and provided a revised Resolution and grid of costs associated with the project/grant application.

Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt Resolution 100302 supporting the submission of a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund.

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

Resolution 100303
Google Fiber for
Lansing

CDD Trent explained that this Resolution is offered as part of a regional effort underway to lure Google to invest in the Lansing area.

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve Resolution 100303, supporting the Google Fiber for the Greater Lansing initiative.

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

2010 Road Contracts

Manager Taylor provided a memo and draft contracts with information relating to 2010 proposed road projects. The information was reviewed and discussed.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2010 road projects, with the authorized amount not to exceed \$157,639. with \$54,171 coming from the Road Commission and Township funding coming from the following accounts: 101-446-801-000 Roads – Maintenance \$34,875; 101-446-977-900 Roads – Capital Outlay \$56,092.13; 590-537-977-000 Sewer – Capital Outlay \$12,500. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 56777 – 56820. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: Heritage Glen undeveloped properties have been sold, and Township staff is working with the new owner to resolve issues relative to sidewalks, etc; training will be held this week for employees relating to customer service; the Township has received a lawsuit relating to the

Schlegel Clark Road property rezoning request from 2006; he has initiated a request to discuss the Police union contract 4th year; SCCMUA is finalizing a search to hire a new director which will be proposed to take SCCMUA in a different administrative direction.

EXTENDED PUBLIC None.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor