

**DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Brian Ross, Max Calder, Steve Musselman, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor; Police Chief Brian Russell; Community Development Director (CDD) Rich Trent, Planning Consultant James Foulds, County Commissioner Eileen Heideman; and several citizens.

AGENDA                    **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, removing Item 8, Resolution 10045, DeWitt Public Library Name Change, from New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES                    **Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 Regular Board meeting, correcting names on the roll call votes. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

REPORT                    Commissioner Heideman provided an update on County Commissioner business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Police Department 2009 Annual Report; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Activity Reports; Board of Review Action Report; Bengal Township Hall Open House Invitation; Clinton County Township Officers Association 4.21.10 meeting notice and 1/20/10 minutes.

COMMITTEE &  
COMMISSION MTGS        None

UNFINISHED                Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment 225.6 remained tabled for First Reading. The  
BUSINESS                    latest draft was discussed at length, and Planning Consultant Foulds will return  
with another draft at the next meeting.

Sidewalk Ordinance  
Amendment

**Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to request that Planning Consultant Foulds make the following changes to the draft sidewalk ordinance amendment: 1)to assure that an applicant who received a deferment cannot then be granted a variance 2)to limit the deferment period to three years 3)to allow the planning commission to make decisions regarding granting a deferment during the Site Plan Review process. Motion voted and carried.**

NEW BUSINESS  
Renewal  
SUP 06-990003

**Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to renew, for a period of one year from today's date, Special Use Permit 06-990003 for the extraction of soil and minerals from property located on the north side of Howe Road, contingent upon renewal of the applicant's irrevocable letter of credit. Motion voted and carried.**

Ball Field Sponsorship Policy Manager Taylor reviewed a proposed Ball Field Sponsorship Policy and a proposed amendment to the sign ordinance to allow the signs within the Township. Lengthy discussion determined that the Board was not in agreement about the implementation and details of a plan to allow advertising signage on public parks and buildings.

Manager Taylor suggested that the following changes be made within the Ordinance and Policy: 1)to limit the ball field signage to Field No. 1 within Valley Farms Park 2)to reduce the sign size to 6' X 4' 3)signage to be allowed on the Hockey Rink; 4)to change from black lettering on the signs 5)to determine consistent image area and bordering on each sign. Staff will communicate with the City of DeWitt to determine what action they take on the issue, and return with amended documents.

RSVP Budget Adjustments Police Russell explained that a Community Policing Grant will pay for the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol, which was previously approved by the Board. He stated these adjustments are needed to allow money to be spent to get the program underway.

**Calder moved, Ross seconded, to approve the following budget adjustments for the RSVP program for uniforms, office supplies, training, and capital outlay (communications and golf cart), for which Community Policing Grant dollars were approved: \$10,500 to 101-301-742-000 (uniforms), \$3,800 to 101-301-727-000 (office supplies) \$5,500 to 101-301-960-000 (training), and \$9,254 101-301-977-000 (capital expenditure) totaling \$12,754 from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance) Motion voted and carried.**

Purchase Loan/Fire Apparatus Manager Taylor reviewed his written recommendation to borrow \$329,098 from the Water Fund, in conjunction with \$261,260 in grant funds, to fund the approved Fire Pumper and Fire Tanker purchase. He noted that the loan from the Water Fund will be repaid at an interest rate of 2% over six years. He also noted that a portion of the purchase was already included in the 2010 Budget.

**Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to authorize a \$329,098 six year loan from the Water Fund for the purchase of two fire apparatus at an interest rate of 2%, to repaid in six years, and to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2010 General Fund budget for the purchase of two fire apparatus: \$140,348 to 101-336-978-000 (vehicle replacement) from 101-000-390-000 (general fund balance). Motion voted and carried.**

Bath Sewer Interceptor **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the contract for the Bath Sanitary Sewer Interceptor between DeWitt Charter Township and Bath Charter Township. Motion voted and carried.**

Robert Zeeb, 2840 E. Herbison Road, Bath, thanked the Board for their consideration of his issues with the sewer project. He stated that he still believes that Clark Road, or the current route cross country, would have been better options.

2010 Sewer Rehab **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents with Inland Waters Pollution Control for sewer repairs related to the 2010 Sewer Rehabilitation Plan, with the contract not-to-exceed \$60,898.25. Motion voted and carried.**

Resolution 100407 **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve Resolution 100407 to adjust the employee contribution rate for the MERS benefit for the Non-Supervisory Unit of the POLC Union.**

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

Police & Fire Millage **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adopt Resolution 100406 approving the submission of the ballot proposition for the Police & Fire Millage Renewal to the voters of DeWitt Charter Township at the August 3, 2010 Primary Election, and to instruct the Township Clerk to file the appropriate certifications with the Clinton County Clerk.**

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

**Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to approve the Police and Fire Millage Renewal Fact Sheet, and authorize its use to provide information to the DeWitt Township community. Motion voted and carried.**

VOUCHERS **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 56821 – 56909. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS  
Manager Taylor reported the following: he has been working with the City of DeWitt on a joint effort to bid and purchase some trees; he has met with the POLC Union about the financial situation the Township is facing; he is working with a representative of the Springbrook Hills Association to investigate any joint efforts we can assist them with in sidewalk replacement within their subdivision.

Clerk Mosier updated the Board on several election issues, including the Township's grant application for computers in the precincts.

Supervisor Galardi reported that a meeting has been scheduled for April 19 to meet with the DeWitt City and DeWitt School officials.

EXTENDED PUBLIC None.

ADJOURNMENT      **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.  
Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor