

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 10, 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, and Steve Musselman,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee David Seeger

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor; Community Development Director (CDD) Rich Trent; Planning Consultant James Foulds; County Commissioner Eileen Heideman; Police Chief Brian Russell, Police Sergeant Travis Rawson, Police Officers Jones (and Canine Wito), Smith, Stump and Terrill; residents to be recognized, Bob and Molly Sweet, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, adding Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of 4/21/10, and Summer Tax Collection Agreements under New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES **Musselman moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2010 Regular Board meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

PRESENTATIONS: Chief of Police Brian Russell explained the attempted burglary event at the residence of Bob and Molly Sweet, where Ms. Sweet's actions resulted in the arrest of a suspect who broke into her home on April 13th, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. Molly Sweet was presented with a citizen award for her assistance in apprehending this burglary suspect.

Officers Steve Smith, James Terrill and Jason Jones, who responded to the April 13th burglary, were presented with a Unit Citation Award-Gallantry Star for their actions leading to the quick arrest of a person who was a major threat to the community.

Chief Russell presented Officer Robert Stump with an Exceptional Duty Award for his actions on the evening of December 4, 2009, while doing business checks.

Chief Russell presented Officer Steve Smith with an Exceptional Duty Award for his actions on September 12, 2009, when he was dispatched to the Sleep Inn.

The Board thanked Molly Sweet for her courage and presence of mind in the face of a very dangerous and stressful situation. The Board also commended the recognized Officers

COUNTY Commissioner Heideman updated the Board on recent business conducted by the
COMMISSIONER County Commissioners Topics discussed included the Mi Café' (Michigan
REPORT Coordinated Access to Food for the Elderly Program) at the Bath Senior Center
and the Motz County Park Grand Opening planned for June 12th.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Comcast price adjustment information; Activity Reports; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Communications Summit Survey Results; and Grand Valley Student Financial Report.

Trustee Ross commented positively on the Grand Valley Student Financial Report and congratulated Don Fox on his recent scholastic accomplishment.

**COMMITTEES &
COMMISSIONS**
Board of Appeals

Trustee Musselman reviewed the minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of April 21, 2010.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to removed from the table, First Reading of Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment 225.6. Motion voted and carried.

Ord Amd 225.6
Sidewalks – FR

Planning Consultant Foulds reviewed the changes incorporated into Ordinance Amendment 225.6, which is now recommended for approval on First Reading.

Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to approve, on First Reading, Sidewalk Ordinance Amendment 225.6.

AYES: Ross, Calder, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Musselman

NAYS: None Motion voted and carried.

RO 09-880001 SR

Calder moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt, on Second Reading, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Rezoning 09-880001, as conditionally amended by Rose Acceptance Inc., and located at 11549 S. US 27 be conditionally approved for rezoning from BC(Business Community) rezoning district to the M2 (Multiple Residential) zoning district based on the fact that the use represents a transitional zone with conditions prior to redevelopment of the area for commercial and mixed use purposes, and that the property had been previously utilized for residential purposes and contains several existing residential structures, with the following two conditions: 1)that the permitted use would be limited to the current structures and number of units existing on the site at the time of the conditional zoning approval 2)the modification of the existing structures would be allowed to permit laundry services for residents.

AYES: Musselman, Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Calder, Ross

NAYS: None Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Ripley, 200 Manchester Drive, DeWitt, spoke regarding his effort to collect petition signatures to get a traffic signal at the intersection of Webb Road and BR 27. He indicated that he is collecting signatures county-wide and has already gathered 1793 signatures. The Board thanked him for his effort.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed the changes made to the original draft of Ordinance 60.73 and the associated Ball Field Sponsorship Policy.

Ord Amd 60.73 &
Ball Field Sponsorship Policy **Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve Ordinance Amendment 60.73, to permit commercial advertising within public parks (and other related allowances), as recommended by the Planning Commission, on Second Reading.**

AYES: Ross, Calder, Daggy, Musselman
NAYS: Mosier, Galardi Motion carried.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Calder, to approve Policy 2010-1, establishing procedures for implementation of sign sponsorships at Township ball fields. Motion voted and carried.

Motion by Ross, second by Musselman, to set the sign advertising fee at \$350 for the 1st year, and \$225 for additional year renewals. Motion voted and carried.

SCCMUA 2009
Fund Balance Manager Taylor reviewed his memo recommending distribution of the SCCMUA 2009 Fund Balance.

Calder moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to advise SCCMUA that \$100,000 of the Township's 2009 fund balance remain at SCCMUA and \$56,538 of the fund balance be returned to the Township and applied to the sanitary sewer enterprise fund. Motion voted and carried.

Daggy moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to advise SCCMUA that the 2009 IPP fund balance (\$12,846.40) be returned to the Township and applied to the sanitary sewer enterprise fund. Motion voted and carried.

Summer Tax
Collection Agmts **Daggy moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Summer Tax Collection agreements and to authorize the Supervisor and Treasurer to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.**

VOUCHERS **Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 56961 – 57027. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS Chief Russell reported the following: heavy speed enforcement in high accident area appears to be reducing the number of accidents; he will be giving more awards to officers at Township Board meetings rather than within the department; canine handlers have brought to his attention that grant monies are available from Meijers, if applications are made and approve. It was discussed that the Board would need to approve any application made.

CDD Trent reported that a local marihuana dispensing operation has opened in the

southern tier, prior to the Township's imposed moratorium.

Manager Taylor reported the following: a sponsorship form is available now for the Meadows Celebration; North Point Church volunteer will be doing a planting project in Valley Farms park; Clean Sweep was a success, with scheduled appointments ending at 12:30 p.m., the earliest since inception of the program; the possibility of charging for burning permits will be investigated; in response to findings from the Communications Summit, several program are being put into place including a new Township Facebook page.

Treasurer Daggy thanked Deputy Treasurer Boyle and Laurie Cicinelli for covering the Treasurer's Office during her absence.

Clerk Mosier reported that the recent application for a Massage Establishment appears to have issues that have been turned over to Attorney Robinson.

Supervisor Galardi reported on a Regionalism Panel that he participated in with leaders of local government surrounding and including the Lansing/East Lansing area. He thanked staff and Planning Consultants Foulds for assistance in preparing for this event. He also noted that DeWitt Township sizes up very favorably to other local government operations with the greater Lansing area.

EXTENDED PUBLIC None.

ADJOURNMENT **Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor