

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2009

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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, Max Calder, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Deputy Clerk Judy Martiny, Assessor Laura Tafelsky, Community Development Director (CDD) Richard Trent, Planner James Foulds, SCCMUA Directory of Operations Larry Fitzgerald, Harmony Gmazel from TriCounty Regional Planning and County Commissioner Eileen Heideman.

AGENDA **Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2009 Regular Board meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PUBLIC HEARING Supervisor Galardi called to order a Public Hearing on the Annual Streetlighting Annual Streetlighting Assessments. Deputy Clerk Martiny noted that notices were published and the Assessments appropriate first class mailing was accomplished by the Assessing Office.

Manager Taylor advised that Assessor Tafelsky was present to answer any questions about the proposed 2009 streetlighting assessments and the resolutions provided for the same.

Deputy Clerk Martiny noted that one written letter of opposition to the proposed increase was received from Michael and Sophia Hines of 3533 Donamere Drive, Saffron Hills Subdivision. This letter was read for the official record and placed on file.

Supervisor Galardi asked that Assessor Tafelsky contact send Mr. & Mrs. Hines to address their concerns.

There were no public comments.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolutions 090917 through 090960, establishing streetlighting assessments for 2009.

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 Motion voted and carried.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
REPORT**

County Commissioner Heideman provided an update on County business; Clinton County will be having their 2010 draft budget hearing on October 13th at 7 p.m.; she received a e-mail from a DeWitt Township resident inquiring as to why Clark Road, east of BR 27, was repaved when it wasn't really in that bad of shape and she advised that she would check into the reasoning behind the repaving and get back with this individual.

Manager Taylor advised that this particular stretch of Clark Road was chosen when the Tri-County CARTS Commission evaluated projects within their plan and determined which projects would be moved up to utilize federally funded stimulus dollars.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: letter from Jim Allen, Nutrition Director with Tri-County Office on Aging, requesting that the Township designate funds for the Meals-On-Wheels Program in the 2010 budget; Comcast programming update; Michigan Township News article "Volunteer Firefighters"; Income & Employment Change Chart; August Activity Report; letter from Myrtle Barrett, representing Cadgewith Farms, regarding the installation of sidewalks along State Road; flyer for Case Cares Miracle Field Fundraiser – Texas Hold'em Tournament September 24 – 27, 2009 at Eastwood Towne Center; Clinton County Sheriff August Statistics; Center for Michigan article "How to Save Michigan's Local Communities".

Manager Taylor reminded the Board that in 2009 they allocated \$1,200 to the Tri-County Meals-On-Wheels Program and that he has again proposed \$1,200 in the 2010 Budget, which will be coming before the Board in the very near future.

Manager Taylor further advised the Board that one of the Township's project for this year was to work with Cadgewith Farms and King Arthur's Court in regards to installing sidewalks from those communities to Granger Meadows Park. He has met with the owners of the respective communities and the letter received from Cadgewith Farms reflects that the residents are not in support of this project.

**COMMITTEES &
COMMISSIONS** None.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS** None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor briefly reviewed his memorandum, dated September 11, 2009.
2010 Proposed SCCMUA Operations Director Larry Fitzgerald offered to answer any
SCCMUA Budget questions from the Board.

Brief discussion followed.

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Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt the 2010 SCCMUA Operating Budget, as proposed and presented. Motion voted and carried.

Resolution #090961
Urban Service
District Grant

Manager Taylor reviewed his memorandum, dated September 11, 2009, pointing out that Tri-County Regional Planning has been instrumental in an effort to research an Urban Service Boundary (USB) and recently a grant became available which would provide assistance in the funding of this effort providing there is support from the communities in the Tri-County area. The grant value is \$25,000 and a 35% match is required. A resolution of support from the different communities is necessary to apply for the grant.

Harmony Gmazel, representing Tri-County Regional Planning, gave a brief background of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and their goals for the communities in the area pointing out that this regional growth project would benefit all the communities involved in the study of service boundaries and shared services between jurisdictions. She advised that several of the communities are already on board with this project and asked for the Township's support for the Urban/Rural Service District/Boundary Committee and its pursuit of research and grant opportunities to pursue the 2009 LIAA Partnerships for Change: Sustainable Communities Grant.

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolution 090961 which provides for the support for the Tri-County Regional Urban/Rural Service District/Boundary Committee and the pursuit of the 2009 LIAA Partnerships for change: Sustainable Communities Grant and to authorize the Township Clerk to sign said resolution.

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

SUP07-990005
E.T. MacKenzie
Renewal

Planner Jim Foulds reviewed his memorandum, dated September 10, 2009, relative to SUP07-990005 from E.T. MacKenzie Company, and advised that he had reviewed the file and conducted an inspection of the site. Additionally he and Community Development Director Trent met with the applicant's representative, the Clinton County Drain Commissioner, and several neighborhood residents who had expressed concerns about the project. The status of the project was discussed at their meeting and the Drain Commissioner indicated that the drainage improvements implemented by MacKenzie appeared to be operating in compliance with drain regulations. At that same meeting the neighborhood residents reviewed their concerns about the ongoing years of operation, noise, dust, drainage and the general impact on their quality of life. They expressed a desire that no additional extensions be granted beyond to 2012 date. Mr. Clark, representative of E.T. MacKenzie indicated that the excavation operation for the Stoll Road site would be completed within the original four year approval timeframe of 2012.

Discussion followed.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, that Special Use Permit 07-990005 for the extraction of soil and minerals from property located on the north side of Stoll Road, east of Business U.S. 127, be renewed for a period to end on September 1, 2010. Motion voted and carried.

CIA Presentation

CDD Trent provided a power point presentation on Corridor Improvement Authorities, which provided the purpose of the act in promoting economic development, who is eligible, how it works, the CIA's powers and responsibilities, and the pro's and con's of having an authority. CDD Trent also passed out a handout providing the "steps" and timeline for establishing a Corridor Improvement Authority.

Discussion followed on establishing a CIA and the timeline for proceeding with this project. No action was required.

Resignation

Galardi moved, Musselman seconded, to accept with regret the resignation of Robert Ancel from the Sewer Board of Appeals, and requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Ancel thanking him for his many years of service to the community. Motion voted and carried.

Set Public Hearing

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, that the Board of Trustees set the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010 Township Budget for Monday, October 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 56063- 56151 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7076 - 7095. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported that Redline Auto, located on the southwest corner of BR 127 and State Road, officially opened for business today; Police Department currently has three officers on leave; a new tree located on the east side of our main Herbison Road entrance was donated by a Township resident, Bob Henning, honoring Officer Darnell and his recent heroism in our community; a survey was sent out to residents along Wood Road regarding installation of gravity sewers with a relatively low response rate of 8 "no" responses and 3 "yes" responses, with most feeling that the project would be too costly for them; the Parks & Recreation Master Plan is about ready for review, finalization between the City of DeWitt and the Township and the adoption thereof; last year the Township was awarded a Tree Grant for Watersedge Park which has been utilized and trees have been planted; Township has applied again for the 2010 Tree Grant; State Road property has been purchased and it now officially belongs to the Township, the demolition and restoration process for the property have been put in place and should be completed before the end of the year.

Ross advised that the DARA Exploratory Committee will be meeting in Bath Township on the 17th of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Calder advised that his communication with the Township resident regarding allowing dogs in the Township parks is ongoing.

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Treasurer Daggy stated that today was the deadline for the summer taxes to be paid and her office has been extremely busy; she has been more aggressive in the collection of personal property taxes and is happy to report that she has been successful in getting resolution to several cases that have been deficient for many years.

Galardi announced that Chad Daggy, our Treasurer's son, is being inducted into the DeWitt High School Sports Hall of Fame this Friday, the 18th during the football half-time program.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Galardi moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor