

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 22, 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, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Max Calder, Steve Musselman, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Brian Ross.

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, and several citizens.

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

MINUTES **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the meeting minutes of June 8, 2009, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT None present.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: DARA 2008 Audit report; copy of letter to the Salary Compensation Commission; Notice of Determination on the Big Horn Drain; Fire Station No. 1 Feasibility Study; Clinton County Economic Alliance presentation; Wind Energy meeting notice.

INTRODUCTION Michael Trebesh introduced himself as a candidate for the 33rd Senate District in 2010.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS Planning Comm Supervisor Galardi reviewed the Planning Commission minutes of June 1, 2009. He reported that he and Manager Taylor gave a presentation to the Planning Commission on issues including the Strategic Plan and an update of the Comprehensive Development Plan. Discussion included where future presentation will be given.

Galardi moved, Calder seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of June 1, 2009. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS
Fund Balance Policy &
Reserve Accounts

Manager Taylor's memos, dated June 19, 2009, regarding a proposed Fund Balance Policy and Reserve Accounts were discussed by the Board.

Supervisor Galardi suggested that the two issues be discussed together, since they are so interrelated.

Manager Taylor explained that the Township has followed an unwritten policy about Fund Balance, but he is suggesting adopting a written policy as recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association. He pointed out that the proposed policy is both specific and allows some flexibility under some circumstances.

Reserve Accounts, and their associated balances, were also discussed relative to funds that were not moved to designated reserves in 2008, as budgeted. The discussion focused on projections for future years, when revenues are projected to decrease significantly in 2011 and 2012.

Manager Taylor pointed out that the reason we see 2009 and 2010 with less impact to our financial stability is due to staff's work to reduce budgets and work to reduce health care costs.

Manager Taylor was asked to return to the Board soon with further recommendations regarding funding Reserve Accounts, as discussed this evening.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Fund Balance Policy, as proposed. Motion voted and carried.

Motion by Musselman, second by Calder, to postpone action on the Reserve Accounts. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 55646 – 55726. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Police Chief Russell reported on an accident that closed I-69 today for several hours. He also reported a busy weekend for the Police Department with eleven arrests.

Manager Taylor reported that the developer owned portion of Heritage Glen appears to be in financial trouble; two grievances within the Police Department have been dropped; sewer rehab work will close State Road between BR-27 and Wood Road beginning next week; sewer rehabilitation projects planned for 2010 and beyond will need to be re-evaluated based on available revenues; SCCMUA is in a similar situation regarding funding their proposed 2010 budget, and significant re-evaluations will need to be made to plan for flat increases in 2010, since DeWitt Township is responsible for from 50 to 60 percent of SCCMUA

expenses.

The Manager's report led to a lengthy discussion regarding SCCMUA, their budget, and our need to continue to rehabilitate our collection system.

Trustee Seeger questioned the status of the Bath interceptor project. Manager Taylor reported that a meeting will be held on Wednesday at the Township Hall. Supervisor Galardi suggested that Trustee Seeger attend the meeting.

Treasurer Daggy reported that she is waiting on the County Treasurer to report that the tax roll is in balance.

Clerk Mosier noted that a meeting of the Election Commission needs to be scheduled.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to appoint Trustees Musselman and Ross to the Election Commission for 2009. Motion voted and carried.

Supervisor Galardi reported that another meeting will be held tomorrow with Township staff, Clerk Mosier, Trustee Musselman, and himself to discuss the possibilities of working with the City of Lansing on development incentives for the Airport properties.

ADJOURNMENT

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor