

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 11, 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, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, County Commissioner Eileen Heideman, and several citizens.

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION-BUDGET Manager Taylor provided projections estimating what will happen to Township revenues with declining property tax revenues and potential and real cuts (just announced by the Governor) to State revenue sharing. The impact of declining revenues relating to continuing increased expenditures was discussed at length. Timelines relating to these projections were also reviewed. Manager Taylor will further continue this discussion with more specific numbers at the next meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER County Commissioner Heideman provided an update on County business, and explained the rationale for her vote on the airport incinerator issue.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Spring Canoe Float information from the Friends of the Looking Glass; Looking Glass River Watershed Handbook; programming update from Comcast; DeWitt Millennium Garden Club Fund Raiser information; business change information from Attorney Richard Robinson; extended open burning information from Fire Chief Koos; April Activity Report; 2008 Investment Earnings & Interest Earned Report.

COMMITTEE & COMMISSIONS No reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to make the following appointments to the Apparatus Committee**
Fire Department Apparatus Committee: 1)Rodney Taylor, Manager 2)John

Lance, Citizen-at-Large 3)Frederick Koos, Fire Chief 4)Ed North, Assistant Chief 5)David Fedewa, Lieutenant 6)Doug Bowers, Firefighter 7)Chris Haman, Firefighter 78)Sava Vosovic, Public Safety Committee Member. Motion voted and carried.

Capital Area Emergency

Services Consortium Manager Taylor explained that in 2007 thirteen greater Lansing area jurisdictions contracted with Eric Scorsone from Michigan State University's State and Local Government Program to examine ways to further enhance cooperative scenarios among Fire and EMS services in the area. He provided information from the final report and initiated discussion regarding possible options.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to join the Capital (sic) Area Emergency Services Consortium and authorize the Township Clerk to sign any necessary documents. Motion voted and carried.

Peddlers & Solicitors

Clerk Mosier explained that staff has been working with Attorney Robinson to update the Township's 38 year old Peddlers & Solicitors Ordinance. She initiated discussion about incorporating, into a new ordinance, regulations for transient merchants, or temporary roadside sales. A timeline was provided to accomplish adoption of new regulations, and in the interim, a Resolution proposing fees was presented to allow a charge under the present Ordinance.

Resolution 090511

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolution 090511, establishing the following fees relative to Township Ordinance 18, Article V, in lieu of the \$100 cash bond; \$50 application fee to include one individual background check, with an additional \$15 for each additional individual background check.

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

SCCMUA 2008

Fund Balance

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to request that the Township manager advise SCCMUA that the Township's 2008 Fund Balance (\$125,860) and the 2008 IPP Fund Balance (\$7,918) be returned to the Township and applied to the sanitary sewer enterprise fund. Motion voted and carried.

Summer Tax Agmts

Treasurer Daggy presented the proposed 2009 Summer Tax Collection Agreements, noting that DeWitt, Lansing, East Lansing, Ingham Intermediate and Clinton County RESA have requested collection.

Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the summer tax collection agreements, as presented, and the Supervisor and Treasurer be authorized to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 55448 – 55529. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Fire Chief Koos reported that Fire Lt. Hoffman has accepted a position with the Lansing Fire Department.

Police Chief Russell reported that Officer Darnell has been selected as a finalist for a Top Cop Award to be awarded tomorrow in Washington D.C. Manager Taylor reported that three officers from our Department have left to attend the ceremony in Washington D.C.

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, that the Board present a letter of congratulations to Officer Darnell . Motion voted and carried.

Manager Taylor reported the following: a special assessment for Remy Chandler work is planned for 2010; there have been some sewer overflows this spring associated with heavy rains; he attended a meeting at Bath Township relative to their plans to bond for sewer projects; he attended the Lansing Chamber Regional Cooperation Forum, as did CDD Trent; DeWitt Township is now on Twitter.

Clerk Mosier initiated discussion regarding election legislation.

Supervisor Galardi reported participation in the Healing Heart initiative through Ellie's Place. He also reported on the investigation of potential partnerships with the airport.

EXTENDED PUBLIC
COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor