

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 13, 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, Community Development Director Richard Trent, Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioner Eileen Heideman, and several citizens.

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

MINUTES **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PUBLIC HEARING Strategic Plan Supervisor Galardi called to order a Public Hearing for the Township's proposed Strategic Plan.

Manager Taylor reviewed the changes incorporated into the document since the Board's last review. There was no public comment.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to close the Public Hearing on the Township's proposed Strategic Plan. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC HEARING Mohre/Exemption Certificate Supervisor Galardi called to order a Public Hearing to hear comments relative to the Mohre Soft Water proposed Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate.

Community Development Director Trent reviewed the considerations of the Economic Development Committee, and their recommendation for a nine year tax abatement. He pointed out that this issue is on the Agenda under New Business for Board action.

There was no public comment. The applicant was present.

Ross moved, Calder seconded, to close the Public Hearing on the Mohre Soft Water Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate. Motion voted and carried.

PRESENTATION

CCEA/Czarnecki John Czarnecki, President and CEO of the Clinton County Economic Alliance, provided an overview of the 2008 accomplishments and the 2009 Strategic Goals and Objectives for the Alliance. There was discussion regarding development issues.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER None present.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: MLCC 15 Day Notice regarding Meijer Liquor License purchase; service change notice from Comcast; Office Recycling information from Granger; March statistics from Clinton County Sheriff; February Activity Report from the Police Department; March Activity Report from the Fire Department; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS Clerk Mosier reviewed the Library Board minutes of February 12, and March 12, 2009. She reviewed possible budget cuts at the library.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of the DeWitt Public Library Board meetings of February 12, and March 12, 2009. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve, as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, by adopting Resolution 090410, the Application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate as filed by Mohre Soft Water for property locate at 16231 South Business US-27, for an abatement period of nine (9) years with the following basis: 1)Mohre Soft Water has filed a complete application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate as required by P.A. 210 of 2005, as Amended; 2)the proposed commercial rehabilitation is located at 16231 South Business US-27 and is within a Commercial Rehabilitation District as required by P.A. 210 of 2005, as amended 3)a public hearing on the proposed Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate was held on april 13, 2009 by DeWitt Charter Township as required by P.A. 210 of 2005, as amended 4)the Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate was evaluated within the guidelines of the DeWitt Charter Township Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy as adopted on November 24, 2008 4)the recommended nine (9) year abatement period is based on the ranking criteria of priority property location, job retention, job creation, project value, and additional bonus provisions as contained within the Tax Abatement Policy and evaluation by the Committee.**

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

Resolution 090408
Commercial Rehab/
Redline

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, as required by Public Act 210 of 2005, the Commercial Rehabilitation Act, and based on a completed application for Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Exemption Certificate, filed by SVR Properties (Redline Auto Services) for property located at 16040 South Business US-27, the Board of Trustees take formal action by adoption of Resolution 090408, on the previously approved exemption certificate (December 8, 2008).

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

Strategic Plan

Calder moved, Ross seconded, to adopt the 2008 to 2013 DeWitt Charter Township Strategic Plan. Motion voted and carried.

2009 Road Projects

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo dated April 9, 2009, which outlined the processes, including chloride, overbanding, micro-surfacing, resurfacing, mowing and spraying, to be utilized for road work scheduled for 2009.

Lengthy discussion revealed that the process for planning future road improvements will be enhanced by technology being implemented by the Road Commission. Manager Taylor reported working with the Road Commission on these issues.

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment for the additional road work: \$8,644 from 101-000-390-000 (Fund Balance) to 101-446-801-000 (Roads-Maintenance). Motion voted and carried.

**Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2009 road projects, in an amount not-to-exceed \$183,761.55, with \$56,367.33 coming from the Road Commission and the Township funding coming from the following accounts:
101-446-801-000 (Roads-Maintenance) \$59,065.80
101-446-977-900 (Roads-Capital Outlay) \$64,578.42
590-537-977-000 (Sewer-Capital Outlay) \$3,750.00 Motion voted and carried.**

CARTS Appt

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to appoint Richard Trent as the DeWitt Charter Township designee to the Tri-County Regional Planning Capital Area Region Transportation Study Committee and Rod Taylor as the alternate. Motion voted and carried.

Update/Bldg Contr

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to approve the employee contract revision for Bruce Ballard, and authorize the Manager to execute said agreement.

Motion voted and carried.

Planning Comm Appt **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Tim Fair to the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Mike Nolan. Motion voted and carried.**

Resolution 090409
Fee/Going Out of Bus **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolution 090409, waiving the \$50 fee for Going Out of Business sale applications, adding that this fee will be added to the Township's Fee Schedule.**

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

Manager Taylor pointed out that knowing this information is beneficial to the Township.

Codification Proposal Clerk Mosier and Manager Taylor reviewed their proposal for Codification Services, dated April 9, 2009. There was discussion regarding the project which is budgeted and planned for 2009 and 2010 respectively.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to enter into a contract with Municipal Code Corporation for Codification and Publication of the Township's Ordinances, at a cost not-to-exceed \$20,400, and authorize the Clerk to execute the same when the Manager is confident we have negotiated the best associated fees possible. Motion voted and carried.

Sewer Rehabilitation
Mansell \$ C2AE Manager Taylor's memo dated April 9, 2009, explained the need for additional services because a vehicle detection loop that controls the timing of the intersection at BR-127 and State Road is located in the sewer repair location.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute an agreement with Mansell Associates for traffic signal design services related to the sanitary sewer repair work at State and BR-127, with the contract amount not to exceed \$3,800, charged to the sewer fund engineering line item 590-537-802-000. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute an amendment to C2AE current agreement for 2009 sanitary sewer rehabilitation serviced, in an amount not-to-exceed \$1,200 which will be charged to 590-537-802-000. Motion voted and carried.

Gunnisonville
Master Plan Manager Taylor pointed out that this is the Master Plan contracted with Kebs to create. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed three phase plan. Manager Taylor pointed out that the master plan proposal included the bidding of phase 1 of the proposal. He pointed out that based on the bids received, the Board may or may not choose to proceed with the project.

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the master plan for the expansion of Gunnisonville Cemetery, as presented, and authorize the Manager to release a request for proposals for construction of Phase 1. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund

Vouchers 55322 – 55388. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: SCCMUA has located the sewer main on the Zeeb property; one of the police grievances has been withdrawn, and two remain within the required process; he and other local managers will be meeting with State Legislators about issues important to our area and our government; the Police Department has received a JAG grant, with the application process yet to be completed; he continues to spend much time on possible stimulus projects, however, the possibility of receiving these dollars is minimal; the employees are planning a “Spirit Day” program, which would raise money for charities through employee contributions.

Trustee Seeger reported that the Clinton County Township Officers Association will be meeting next Wednesday in Victor Township.

Trustee Seeger also requested that the Board consider whether continuing to utilize a Salary Compensation Commission is the correct course for the Township’s future.

Clerk Mosier reported that volunteers are needed for the check in at Clean Sweep.

Supervisor Galardi initiated discussion on the Strategic Plan and the Comprehensive Development Master Plan as tools to provide the Board with direction into the future.

EXTENDED PUBLIC
COMMENT

Howard Schultz, 13620 Turner made comments regarding the Consumers Pipeline and temporary sales by street vendors.

ADJOURNMENT

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor