

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
February 11, 2013 Board Minutes

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, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Planning Assistant Tory Niewiadomski, County Commissioners Jack Enderle, Eileen Heideman, Bob Showers, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 61130 – 61185 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7722 - 7735; and the approval of Township Board Minutes of 1/28/13. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC
COMMENT None.

COUNTY
COMM. REPORT County Commissioners Enderle, Heideman, and Showers were present, providing the following updates: the County is planning the construction of a new Animal Control facility on Townsend Road; a wind farm has been approved by the County; and the 911 Emergency Plan has been updated. Rails to Trails plans were also briefly discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a Thank You from Community Mental Health; an update from Manager Taylor on the Township's receipt of grant funds; Activity Report; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; and an update on the Better Buildings Program.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS The Board reviewed Planning Assistant Niewiadomski's memo, dated February 6, 2013, answering the Board questions from the previous meeting's discussion on SUP 11-990006, Request/Wood St Park Development's request for an extension. It was a consensus of the Board that the memo was responsive to all the issues.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to approve the extension of Special Use Permit 11-990006 to February 10th, 2014, based on the finding that the request is in conformance with Section 42-1072 of the Codified Zoning Ordinance. Motion voted and carried.

Road Funding
Resolution 2013-02-03

Manager Taylor provided a Resolution relating to the need for local government to receive additional road funding, a problem existing throughout the State of Michigan. He pointed out that although the Township has made large increases to budgeted expenditures for local roads, it is not enough. We need additional funds which have been cut extensively in the past several years, as reflected by the amount the Road Commission can contribute to our maintenance and paving projects. His memo, dated February 8, 2013, detailed the situation in depth.

Board members suggested that adopting the Resolution does request help from our legislators, but does not suggest how the money should be obtained.

Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolution R2013-02-03, urging Governor Snyder and Legislators to save taxpayer dollars, save lives, and improve our economy by making the necessary investments into repair of our roads and bridges so that our transportation systems can function at peak performance.

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

Placemaking Art
Grant Contract

Daggy moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the contract between Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and DeWitt Charter Township for the Public Art for Communities Grant Program. Motion voted and carried.

Resignation/
Appointment/
SCCMUA

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Sue Glynn from SCCMUA. Motion voted and carried.

Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Jim Kurt to SCCMUA, to fill the balance of Sue Glynn's term, ending December 31, 2013. Motion voted and carried.

Outstanding Citizen
Award/Calder

Balzer moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the nomination of Max Calder for recognition as a DeWitt Township Outstanding Citizen. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Chief Russell reported that two officers have resigned, one is still on workers compensation leave, and the Police Department's assistant position is also vacant. He discussed his plan to get through this short staff period, until additional officers and another assistant can be hired. Manager Taylor initiated discussion on hiring procedures that will be utilized to fill these vacancies.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the staff/Board training is scheduled for next Monday, with Strategic Planning in the afternoon; Michigan Energy Options will partner with Project Enlighten to get the word out about the Better Buildings Program before the project ends.

Supervisor Galardi and Manager Taylor initiated discussion about the possibility of electronic packets for the Board. This item will be on a future Agenda for further discussion.

Trustee Ross updated the Board on the most recent DARA meeting, noting that although their unaudited 2012 financial statements show an additional \$10,000 of revenue, up from projections, their \$6,200 over budget spending will likely be a reportable condition within their 2012 Audit.

Trustee Balzer reported on the most recent Corridor Improvement Authority, noting that the southern tier identifier will be Valley Farms. She commented on the S US127BR Art Piece, and a need to possibly elevate the artwork so that it can be seen.

Clerk Mosier noted that the Wolverine Pipeline presentation is scheduled for March 11, 2013, and notices are being sent to property owners. She also reported that the Lincoln Day Dinner and the Community Showcase will again be on the same evening this year.

EXTENDED COMMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT **Ross moved, Galardi seconded, to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor