

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
January 9, 2012 Minutes

Supervisor Galardi called the Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

MINUTES                 **Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2011 Meeting, removing the Drain Commissioner from Also Present, and the minutes of the December 27, 2011 meeting, as presented . Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT             Marilyn Augustine, 1329 Poppy Lane, and Carolyn Campbell, 1321 Poppy Lane, were present to provide information regarding the Heritage Glen Detention Pond.

Ms. Augustine spoke and provided the Board with a written report regarding the condition of the detention pond and possible solutions to the algae growth, odors, and sediment which is reducing pond depth, etc. The report included input from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner's Office, since the Heritage Glen Home Owners Association is soliciting information which may include assessments to remedy the conditions.

Supervisor Galardi thanked the residents for their commitment to getting the situation remedied, and noted that although the Township cannot directly participate in the process, we will willingly assist the residents in whatever way possible.

PRESENTATION             Manager Taylor introduced Diane Golzynski, with the Farm & Food Council of Southern Clinton County. She updated the Board on the progress made to establish the organization. It was noted that the Board will be making an appointment to the Council this evening.

COUNTY COMM REPORT             None present

CORRESPONDENCE         Correspondence included the following: Activity Report; information from Planning Consultant Foulds regarding Tory Niewiadomski; Logan appointment to Board of Mechanical Rules; notice of 1/10/12 Consumers Energy Hearing; Thank You from Haven House; reminder for the Joint Planning/Board meeting on January 30, 2012 @ 700 p.m.

COMM & COMM REPORTS Trustee Calder reviewed the draft minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of December 21, 2011.

Board of Appeals **Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of the Board of Appeals meeting of December 21, 2011. Motion voted and carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Trustees Ross and Seeger to the Election Commission for 2012. Motion voted and carried.**

Appointments **Galardi moved, Ross seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Jeff Carpenter to the Board of Appeals for a three year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion voted and carried.**

**Galardi moved, Mosier seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Joshua Knight to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two year term ending December 31, 2013. Motion voted and carried.**

Farm & Food Action Council Appointment **Galardi moved, Ross seconded, to confirm the Supervisor's appointment of Rod Taylor to Farm & Food Action Council of Southern Clinton County. Motion voted and carried.**

Employment Rec Police/Fire Police Chief Russell explained the process to hire a new patrol officer, which produced 56 applications, with 20 candidates advancing to the written test, and 10 candidates interviewed.

Trustee Seeger disclosed that the new hire is a nephew in-law relation. Discussion determined that this does not meet the definition of "immediate family member" and is therefore not in violation of any Township policy.

**Ross moved, Calder seconded, to approve the hiring of Kyle Kolka for the position of Police Officer, contingent on the completion of his physical and other appropriate pre-employment exams. Motion voted and carried.**

Supervisor Galardi made comments favorable to the process used, and allowing members of the Department to participate in the process.

The Board reviewed the written hiring recommendation from Fire Chief Koos, dated January 4, 2012.

**Calder moved, Ross seconded, to hire Tyler McNalley as a Paid-On-Call Firefighter/MFR at will employee, pending completion of an employment physical. Motion voted and carried.**

Corridor Improvement Authority/Contract with Spicer Engr **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement with Spicer Group in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,400 for services to assist the Corridor Improvement Authority in completing the Development/TIF Plan. Motion voted and carried.**

Special Reuse Event Agt w/Clinton Co **Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement with the Clinton County Department of Waste Management to authorize their use of the Township Hall parking lot for their Special Reuse Event on March 30, 2012. Motion voted and carried.**

Set Public Hearing 425 Amdt w/Bath 

As previously requested, an agreement to amend the 425 with Bath Township has been reached, and a Public Hearing must be held prior to the Board taking action on the issue.

**Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to set a Public Hearing for February 13, 2012, on an amendment to the 425 with Bath Township that would conditionally transfer the property located at 16970 Chandler Road to Bath Township. Motion voted and carried.**

VOUCHERS **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 59408-59478 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7490 - 7509. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS & COMMENTS 

Trustee Musselman provided an overview of the most recent Planning Commission meeting, since he will be absent when the Board considers the Commission's business from their January meeting.

Manager Taylor reported the following: he is coordinating changes to the west wing Building and Planning offices, which includes adding some office hours for Planning Consultants Jim Foulds and Tory Niewiadomski, and Building Official Bob Logan; Case Cares has scheduled the Grand Opening of the Miracle Field for May 14<sup>th</sup>; he is working with the City of DeWitt and Spicer to submit a grant for canoe launches; he continues to work with the Friends of the Looking Glass to partner on river projects.

Treasurer Daggy reported that there have been few complaints about the sewer increase.

Clerk Mosier suggested that the Board try using a Consent Agenda. She explained the change in procedure using a Consent Agenda and noted that if the Board does not believe the process is beneficial, we can return to a standard agenda at any time.

**Musselman moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the use of a Consent Agenda for Township Board meeting. Motion voted and carried.**

Supervisor Galardi discussed the need to fill the vacancies on the Clinton County Economic Alliance and the Next Michigan committee.

EXTENDED  
COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

**Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor