

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
June 11, 2012 Minutes

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Brian Ross

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, and Clinton Transit General Manager Rose May Mason, and several citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows: Board Minutes of 5/29/12 approved; General Fund Vouchers 60055 – 60143; April and May Revenue and Expenditure Report, received and placed on file. Motion voted and carried.**

AGENDA **Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Agenda, adding CIP Committee Appointments under New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATIONS Clerk Mosier introduced Rose May Mason, Clinton Transit General Manager. Mason provided Clinton Transit Millage information regarding the Clinton Transit Millage proposition for a .2 millage renewal which will Resolution 2012-6-10 on the August Primary Ballot within Clinton County. She also provided fact about the Transit service and their growth in the past three years. Clerk Mosier pointed out the millage rate for other transit services in the tri-county area.

Board members spoke supporting the Clinton Transit service and their value to the communities for a very small cost.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution 2012-6-10, supporting the millage renewal for Clinton Transit at .2 mills.

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

Police Chief Russell/
Fireworks Law
Changes Police Chief Russell reported that he has been working with Fire Chief Koos and Fire Marshall DeKorte since earlier in the year when changes to fireworks laws were signed by the Governor of Michigan. He noted that the Attorney General has opined that local fireworks regulations cannot circumvent the State law, and basically the only control the Township has relates to sales and local zoning regulations. He stated that the Township's Disorderly Ordinance will apply to

fireworks discharged at times other than Federal Holidays, as described in the State law. He explained that he will work with staff, and continue to monitor the situation.

COUNTY COMM None present.
REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE Included the following: DeWitt District Library minutes of 5/10/12; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Activity Report; Clinton County Central Dispatch 2011 Annual Report; 2012 Equalization Department Report; Cammie Cantrell letter regarding dogs in Padgett Park.

Supervisor Galardi initiated discussion regarding Padgett Park, and the most recent complaint. Manager Taylor was asked to post signs in the park that remind dog owners of the current regulations regarding restraining dogs and cleaning up pet waste.

UNFINISHED None.
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Clerk Mosier reviewed the staff report and information relating to the application for Tin
Liquor License App Can DeWitt, applicants Doug Johns II and Nick and Jim Vlahakis. It was pointed out that
Tin Can DeWitt/Johns, Doug Johns is a local resident of the City of DeWitt and the Vlahakis brothers are owners of the
Vlahakis & Vlahakis DeWitt Shopping Center where the establishment is proposed to be located.

The report, dated June 7, 2012, was discussed at length with the applicants, with the following representations made by Doug Johns and Nick Vlahakis, who were present:

1)they believe food will be a bigger part of this business, where the choices are more limited than their Saginaw Street operation 2)the establishment will not allow anyone under 21 to enter 3)smoking during the day will be allowed behind the establishment, with evenings in the front when the shopping center is closed 4)their business has an active recreational component, with pool leagues, sponsorships for ball teams, and dart leagues.

Supervisor Galardi stated that he believes there is a market and desire for this type of business in DeWitt. He noted that after football games, there is limited availability for a place to have a drink and some food. He stated that he appreciates having locals invest in our community.

Clerk Mosier explained that if the Board is inclined to consider the approval for a Class C liquor license to the applicants, a Public Hearing should be scheduled.

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to authorize the Clerk to schedule a Public Hearing for June 25, 2012, to hear comments relative to the approval for a liquor license for the Tin Can DeWitt, applicants Doug Johns II and Nick and Jim Vlahakis. Motion voted and carried.

2012 Road Projects Manager Taylor reviewed his proposal for 2012 Road Paving Projects.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2012 resurfacing road projects with an amount not to exceed \$206,235. Motion voted and carried.

BetterBuildings
2012 Budget Manager Taylor explained that the BetterBuildings project was budgeted for 2011, however, the majority of the financial transactions have taken place in 2012, requiring the proposed budget adjustments.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to approve the 2012 recommended budget for the Better Buildings Fund, as recommended by Manager Taylor in his memo dated June 8, 2012. Motion voted and carried.

SCCMUA 2011 FB **Calder moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to advise SCCMUA that the Township's 2011 Fund Balance of \$162,336 be returned to the Township's sanitary sewer enterprise fund, and the \$3,986 IPP Fund Balance to the Township's sanitary sewer enterprise fund. Motion voted and carried.**

CIP Appointments **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to affirm the Supervisor's appointments of Trustee Seeger, Trustee Max Calder, Planning Chair Bruce Keilen, Maintenance Department John Moody and Manager Rodney Taylor to the CIP Committee. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS Manager Taylor reported the following: the Jubb lawsuit is being held since the operation will be closing on July 1, 2012; he continues to work to close out the 504 Lift Station project; provided an update on the use of the Miracle Field.

Clerk Mosier provided election information for the upcoming Primary.

Supervisor Galardi reported on the business of the CCEA.

EXTENDED
COMMENTS None.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor