

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
September 24, 2012 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, Max Calder, Steve Musselman and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Brian Ross

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Fire Chief Fred Koos, and several citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included General Fund Vouchers 60601 – 60659 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7604 – 7615; Township Board Minutes of 8/27/12 correcting a date for the Budget Workshop to September 24, 2012; and Zoning Board of Appeals 8/15/12 draft minutes. Motion voted and carried.**

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT Eileen Heideman introduced herself as a candidate for County Commission in District 6, which includes Precinct 6 of DeWitt Township.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included DeWitt District Library Draft Minutes of September 13, and September 17, 2012; a Better Buildings Update; Thanks You cards from Longevity Honored Employees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS LEAP Grant & Public Art Policy P2012-3 The Board reviewed and discussed Manager Taylor's memo, dated September 21, 2012, which outlined the LEAP Grant offering, and his intention to make an application for the public art grant. His intended use of the grant will be for an art/identification piece to be placed on the vacant lot at Sheridan and BR 27, marking the entrance to DeWitt Township on the south end.

It was discussed that the Township is willing to put up some matching funds, since plans have been made to put signage at the location. The Board was very positive about the application, and the general concept of an art piece type of identifier for the corner.

**Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt the Public Art Guidelines Policy, authorizing Manager Taylor to add language regarding possibilities for art project funding. Motion voted and carried.**

Airport Plans/New Expressway Inter-Change  
Manager Taylor provided a copy of an email sent by Robert Selig, Executive Director of the Capital Region Airport Authority, which suggests that the 10 year plan for a new Airport Terminal shows the location of the proposed new terminal to be in the area of State Road and DeWitt Road. The communication goes on to suggest that an interchange be sought for US 127 and State Road.

The Board discussed the communication at length and the following issues were raised: 1) An interchange is already partially constructed at US 127 and Chandler Road, and East Lansing has still not been able to get MDOT to finish the interchange 2) Selig's proposed location would involve already developed land in the area 3) one of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Airport is the dictate for an annual meeting and the Board feels that Mr. Selig's memo should be discussed at that meeting.

There was no action on this item, and Supervisor Galardi requested that Trustees Musselman (lead) and Ross represent the Township at the meeting to be scheduled with the Airport.

Set Public Hearing 2013 Proposed Budget  
**Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to set a Public Hearing for 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2012, to hear comments relative to the Township's Proposed 2013 Budget. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS  
Manager Taylor reported that he will be gone next week to the Michigan Municipal League Conference.

Clerk Mosier reported that her office is anxiously awaiting the arrival of absentee ballots. She also reported that she is working with staff at DHS to hold a mock election on October 30<sup>th</sup> for the entire high school.

Clerk Mosier stated that she will be absent at the next meeting while attending Grandparents Day at York County Day in Pennsylvania.

Supervisor Galardi reported that he will be absent at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

EXTENDED COMMENTS  
Fred Koos, 14201 DeWitt Road, stated that he is concerned about the Airport's encroachment south of the existing operation, and as a resident he is assuming that the Township is protecting his interests.

ADJOURNMENT  
**Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor