

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Meeting held at DeWitt Township Community Center
16101 Brook Road, Lansing, MI 48906
August 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioner Robert Showers, representatives from Case Cares, and several citizens.

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

MINUTES **Musselman moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2011 meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER RPT Commissioner Showers provided some history on the Motz Park funding.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a notice from Comcast about price changes; a notice from Consumers Energy about an August 10, 2011 hearing; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; a notice from Rebuilding Together about their August 10th Open House.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS Manager Taylor reviewed the committee's work to date.

Non Motorized Transportation Comm **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of the Non Motorized Transportation Committee. Motion voted and carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Agmt-CCEA** Manager Taylor reviewed his recommendation to continue participation and financial support for the Clinton County Economic Alliance (CCEA).

Musselman moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the one year agreement with the Clinton County Economic Alliance for community economic development services in the amount of \$8,000. Motion voted and carried.

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated August 5, 2011, and provided an additional spreadsheet for consideration. He explained that although the original

Contract for
Miracle League
Field/Restrooms

project budget was \$657,000, the low bid was received from Laux Construction, which now estimates the project costs at \$837,000. He noted that the overage is largely due to design changes made during the past 1-1/2 years. He explained that he has been working with Case Cares, C2AE, and Laux Construction, and that he has spoken with the State who advises that we enter into a contract with the low bidder and then do the necessary change orders to bring the project within budget. He thanked the parties involved, and reported that with the most recent cuts the net project shortfall is now at \$6,857 and Case Cares has committed to increase their initial contribution from \$50,000 to \$58,500 to cover the shortfall. He noted that although the spreadsheet shows removing the aluminum roof and the aluminum gutters for the restrooms/concession building, he is recommending that these be added back in to reduce maintenance costs and increase useful life.

There was lengthy discussion regarding the cuts to the project. Case Cares representatives committed to continued fundraising with the hope that some of the items removed can be added back into the project.

Supervisor Galardi indicated that Manager Taylor will continue to work with the numbers, but awarding the bid this evening will keep the project on schedule for a projected completion in the spring of next year.

Laux Construction representatives indicated that they need to begin work immediately to meet upcoming deadlines, but they will continue to work with the Township to adjust the scope of work as funds allow.

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute an agreement with Laux Construction in the amount of \$732,800 for the construction of the Miracle League Field and Concession/Restroom Facility with subsequent change orders as shown on the Laux Construction Schedule of Values. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to increase the Township's share of the project from \$212,800 to \$224,600 to cover the cost of a steel roof and aluminum gutters. Motion voted and carried.

There was general agreement to move forward with this regionally beneficial project. All present thanked Manager Taylor for his diligence in getting the grant funding for this project, and his hard work to bring the project within budget. It was noted that without his efforts, this project would likely not have happened for several more years.

Codification Ord 261
First Reading

Clerk Mosier explained that after the appropriate Board actions and publications, the Township's new Codified Ordinance will become effective. She also explained the online service which will be available to staff and the public.

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve Codification Ordinance 261 on First Reading.

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

Employment/
Rec/Fire Department

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

Joint DeWitt School/
City/Township Mtg

Manager Taylor initiated discussion regarding a proposed joint meeting with the DeWitt School Board, DeWitt City Council, and the DeWitt Township Board. Topics for discussion were suggested, but the September 27th proposed date will not work. Manager Taylor will continue to work with the DeWitt City Manager to schedule this meeting.

Set Annual
Streetlighting
Public Hearing

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to schedule the public hearing to hear comments relative to the annual assessment of streetlighting costs for Monday, September 12, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at 1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI and authorize the Township Clerk to take care of the appropriate public notices and mailings. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Calder moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 58806-58868, and Tax Fund Vouchers 7394 - 7408. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Manager Taylor reminded the Board of the upcoming Case Cares/Miracle Field fundraisers.

Treasurer Daggy commented positively on the Miracle Field project.

Supervisor Galardi reported that he recently did a student interview, and it was a very beneficial process for both the student and himself.

EXTENDED PUBLIC
COMMENT

Brian Byers, 1250 W. Stoll Road, introduced himself as a resident, local teacher, and DeWitt High School's Cross Country and Wrestling Coach. He stated that he and his wife have an interest in partnering with DeWitt Township to open a camp ground within the Township. He noted that his wife has an educational background in campground design, and that they have identified a couple of sites within the Township that might work for camping. He stated that there is nothing in the area that families can utilize for overnight camping, and he believes that there is a demand.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding possible Township owned property that might work for local families to overnight camp. Byers will continue to

communicate with Township officials with the hope that he and his wife can assist in making a project like this happen for the area.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor