

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 28, 2011

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, Trustees Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, CDD Rich Trent, Planning Consultant Jim Foulds and several citizens.

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

MINUTES **Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2011, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

PRESENTATION Central Dispatch Director James Fyvie provided handouts and explained the 911 Ballot Proposition which will be presented to the voters of Clinton County on May 3, 2011.

COUNTY None present.
COMMISSIONER RPT

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included a letter from MMRMA regarding the annual distribution check received by pool members and a memo from Assessor Tafelsky regarding the 2011 Board of Review and 2011 Values.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS **Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve on First Reading, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Ordinance Amendment 60.76 for the regulation of Health Service Offices and Professional Offices in the R4 Residential Zoning District, amending Chapter V “District Regulations” and Chapter XVII “Definitions” of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.**
60.76 Second Reading

NEW BUSINESS Planning Consultant Foulds reviewed his memo, dated March 25, 2011, which explained that FEMA has recently updated the Flood Hazard Boundary Maps for Clinton County, and it is important that we participate in the National Flood Insurance program because lenders may not approve mortgages located within flood zones unless flood insurance has been provided. He reviewed the documents being considered by the Board.
Flood Insurance Program

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve on First Reading, Floodplain Management Ordinance Amendment 40.1.

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

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adopt Resolution 110303, authorizing participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

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

Clerk Mosier noted that Ordinance Amendment 40.1 will be renumbered at Second Reading.

Better Buildings Grant Manager Taylor provided a memo, dated March 25, 2011, that explained the Better Buildings Grant for \$315,000 (includes Bath Township) which will provide energy audits of 420 homes in the southern tier of the Township and 420 homes in Bath Township, through a contract with Michigan Energy Options.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk and the Township Manager to execute the contract with Michigan Department of Energy, Labor & Economic Growth, for the Better Buildings grant. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the proposed contract with Michigan Energy Options and Bath Township allowing the creation of the partnership for the implementation of the Better Buildings Grant. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Manager, with assistance from Michigan Energy Options, to select vendors for the implementation of the Better Buildings Grant and authorize the Township Clerk to execute any necessary documents. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to approve the creation of a new fund to the 2011 Township Budget, to administer the Better Buildings Grant. Motion voted and carried.

Budget Adjustment (Security Grant) Manager Taylor explained the RAP Grant from MMRMA for \$3,750 for the installation of panic buttons and door access cards, in the Township Hall, total project cost of less than \$8,000.

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2011 Township Budget for the Security Rap Grant: \$8,000 to 101-262-977-000 from 101-000-390-000 General Fund Balance. Motion voted and carried.

Employment Recommendation **Ross moved, Calder seconded, to hire Jason Hendley and Joseph Spagnuolo as Paid-On-Call Firefighter/MFR at will employees pending completion of an employment physical. Motion voted and carried.**

Executive Session Union Negotiations (Police) **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m., to discuss (police) Union Negotiations.**

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

Supervisor Galardi reconvened the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

VOUCHERS **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve General Fund Operating Vouchers 58250 – 58286. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS & COMMENTS Manager Taylor reported the following: walking and bike trail audits will be done in the Township, also considering how they connect to the City of DeWitt Pathways; a future presentation is planned for the Board to explain the (focus on Food) SCC Farm & Food Coalition; he and Assessor Tafelsky attended a meeting with the City of Williamston regarding the possibility of sharing services, i.e. assessing, building inspections; his office is working on cleaning up the Trust and Agency Fund and returning money on deposit with the Township to the rightful depositor, which may be upwards of \$100,000; he will be gone for a week's vacation, beginning this Friday.

Trustee Ross commended Manager Taylor on his aggressive approach to finding grant funding.

Clerk Mosier reported that absentee ballots for the May 3rd election have been mass mailed and are now available to the public. She also reported that the Clean Sweep program is set for May 7th and volunteers are needed to work the check-in.

Supervisor Galardi reported that there have been some changes in the latest negotiations for an Aerotropolis: 1)the Township property that was mapped surrounding a part of the airport cannot be included in the agreement 2)the land will go back to DeWitt Township in 50 years if the Township repays the City of Lansing for their investment and services provided, or the agreement can be re-upped for another 50 years, or the land could go to the City permanently. There was discussion on the Airport Authority's position on the 425 Agreement and their recent actions.

Supervisor Galardi stated that he has been asked to sign a Notice of Intent to be submitted with the Next Michigan Designation, Notice of Intent for Aerotropolis Designation Application.

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, to authorize the Supervisor's execution of the Next Michigan Designation Notice of Intent for Aerotropolis Designation Application. Motion voted and carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor