

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 24, 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 (arrived late from representing DeWitt Township at the State of the City address in Lansing), Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Planning Consultant James Foulds, Attorney J. Richard Robinson, Alta Catherine Reed and her family, and several citizens.

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

MINUTES Action delayed until next meeting.

PRESENTATION **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution 110101, honoring Alta Outstanding Citizen Catherine Reed.**

Award/Catherine Reed

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

Clerk Mosier explained that the Board does truly recognize and value the service of those who governed before us, noting that the community we all enjoy is the product of the many, many residents who served before us.

(Alta) Catherine Reed spoke of her many memories while serving and living within DeWitt Township. She thanked the Board for their consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

COUNTY Commissioners Showers and Adams reported on recent business at Clinton
COMMISSIONER RPT County. The Commissioners proposal for an election to be held in May to consider a 911 surcharge proposition was discussed.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: letter from Elinor Miller supporting the Property Maintenance Code; Consumers Energy Notice of Hearing from the Michigan Public Service Commission; 211 Report from Clinton County; Sanitary Sewer Overflow Notice from SCCMUA Director Chinavare; updated Committee and Commission list; BS & A Software data for online usage; Remy Chandler Drain notice from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; 2010 4th Quarter Real Estate Market Report; Aerotropolis information from Supervisor Galardi.

Supervisor Galardi requested that Attorney Robinson comment on the Aerotropolis and the release of information to the press made earlier in the week,

specifically as it relates to border protection. The Board discussed the need to move forward quickly from here.

COMMITTEES &
COMMISSIONS
Planning Commission

Galardi moved, Seeger seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of January 3, 2011. Motion voted and carried.

Benefits Committee

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of the Benefits Committee meetings of December 16, 2011 and January 6, 2011. Motion voted and carried.

Public Safety
Committee

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting of January 18, 2011. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, that the Public Safety Committee be requested to do an intersection lighting study, similar to the study previously done. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Consultant Foulds reviewed his report, dated January 18, 2010, regarding the E.T. MacKenzie Company Special Use Permit renewal application.

SUP 07-990007
MacKenzie Renewal

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the renewal of Special Use Permit 07-990007, the existing excavation operation conducted by E. T. MacKenzie Company for property located on Clark Road in Section 22, for an additional one (1) year, for a period to end on January 24, 2012. Motion voted and carried.

Wind Energy
Ordinance 60.75
First Reading

Planning Consultant Foulds provided an overview of the process to date to bring this ordinance recommendation, noting that the Planning Commission conducted several internal reviews, hosted and multi-jurisdictional training workshop, and held a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance in December.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve, based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, Ordinance Amendment 60.75 for the regulation of Wind Energy Systems (WECS) to amend the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to provide for the safe, effective, and efficient regulation of small and large wind energy conversions systems, which will amend Chapter XVII "Definitions" of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance and create a new Section 6.6 for Wind Energy Conversion Systems, upon First Reading.

**AYES: Ross, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger
NAYS: None Motion voted and carried.**

Police Records
Software
Update/Budget Adj

Manager Taylor provided an update on the Police Records Software project, this project is a partnership with Clinton County and Bath Township, and that the project has spanned two years, thus the need to amend the 2011 budget to complete payment for the software.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the budget amendment recommended by Manager Taylor for the Police Software Project, \$17,797 to 101-301-977-000 (Capital Outlay) from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.

Special Reuse Event
Agreement

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to sign the agreement for Clinton County to use the Township Hall Parking lot for their Special Reuse Event. Motion voted and carried.

Appointments

Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to affirm the Supervisor's appointment of James Sinnamon to the Sister City Community Board for a four year term ending December 31, 2014. Motion voted and carried.

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to affirm the Supervisor's appointment of Rick Shepherd and Doug Vettraino to the Sewer Board of Appeals for a five year term ending December 31, 2015. Motion voted and carried.

Teaching/Twp
Manager

Manager Taylor presented a written request, asking permission to teach a class during the summer months at Western Michigan University, Managing Public Performance and Information Technology. He explained that the class is Monday and Wednesday evenings for six weeks, and would require that he miss one Board meeting. He also explained that language in his contract is the reason he needs to submit this request to the Board.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Manager's request to teach a job related class, as explained in his memo dated January 21, 2011. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve General Operating Vouchers 58034 – 58079 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7331 – 7343. Motion voted and carried.

COMMENTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: he is working to bring a health and fitness event into the Township; he attended a recent Bath Township food production meeting, relating to the Entrepreneurial Communities project we are participating in; we are moving forward with a project the Supervisor began, for "branding" the Township, and we will be partnering with the DeWitt High School on this in the near future.

Trustee Seeger updated the Board on the most recent Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting.

Trustee Calder arrived and reported on the City of Lansing's State of the City address made by Mayor Bernaro this evening. The Board thanked Trustee Calder for representing the Township.

Treasurer Daggy provided some figures relating to resident comments on the new Tax Administration Fee and the most recent sewer rate increase.

EXTENDED PUBLIC None.

ADJOURNMENT **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor