

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 10, 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, Trustees Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Community Development Director (CDD) Rich Trent, Todd Granger & Tonia Olson with Granger, and several citizens.

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

MINUTES **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2010 and the December 29, 2010 meetings, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS None.

COUNTY None present.
COMMISSIONER RPT

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: 2010 Spirit Days Recap; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Activity Report; Clinton County Drain Commissioner notice regarding the Edward Fill Drain brush clearing.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS Trustee Musselman reviewed business from the Planning Commission meeting of January 3, 2010, since he will be out of town at the next Board meeting when the minutes of the Planning meeting are presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor explained his memo, dated January 7, 2011, detailing Granger Meadows Celebration proposed changes to the administration of the Meadows Celebration as well as to 1)continue to lower the Township direct through sponsorship with a goal of \$0 for 2011 2)lower the Township indirect costs, or staff time, through reorganization of planning the event 3)increase citizen involvement in the upfront organization of the event, beginning with forming an executive to include Tonia Olson, Clay Summers, Tim Fair, and himself.

Todd Granger stated that he understands the Board's challenge, and the political pressure created by these tough economic times, so he is here this evening to assure the Board that Granger has a strong desire to continue the annual event in Granger Meadows Park. He stated that Granger is willing to increase its

contribution to the event, and will work with the Township to ensure the event's continued success.

Through discussion, the following points were made: 1)the event has helped promote a sense of community in our area 2) after several years of hosting a successful event, planning the event can now be somewhat streamlined 3)the event has "quality of life" value, and is especially valuable to our community at a time when families need a fun, free event to attend.

The Board thanked Granger for their continued commitment to the park and their willingness to work with the Township.

Property Maintenance Code /Rec from Committee CDD Trent provided an historical overview of the proposed Property Maintenance Code

VOUCHERS **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 57865 – 57935, and Tax Fund Vouchers 7296 – 7306. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS & COMMENTS Police Chief Russell reported that we have been awarded a \$64,000 grant for accident reporting software.

Manager Taylor reported the following: he provided updates on work being done by the Non-Motorized Transportation Committee and the Property Maintenance Code ad hoc committee; he thanked the staff, and both the Police and Fire Chief for their work and cooperation, both relating to the challenging economic times the Township is and will continue to face; he updated the Board on the grant application for the Miracle Field, which has now been awarded in the amount of \$394,000; he provided information about the sledding hill concession stand, which is open as a result of an opportunity offered in conjunction with DeWitt Schools; he also provided an update on Clark Corners and a recent meeting with MEDC.

EXTENDED PUBLIC Officer Steve Smith spoke stating that he believes the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief should have gotten salary increases in their contracts..

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor