

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
December 12, 2016 Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:03 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, and Trustees: Dave Fedewa, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte, Community Development Director Tory Niewiadomski, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of November 28, 2016; approval of General Fund Vouchers of 66867-66917 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8449—8455.**

PRESENTATIONS Chief Russell made the following presentations:

- 1) Civilian Service Award to Amanda Conrad for rescuing and providing shelter to a toddler child found in the street while the police attempted to find her parents.
- 2) Gallantry Star Award to officers Monica Robbins and Trevin Bernat for the foot pursuit and apprehension of an armed individual in the LAFCU/Meijer's area.

PUBLIC COMMENT Arnold Dunchock, Owosso, MI addressed the Board concerning pending litigation involving property located at 11280 S US27. He stated that through the court proceedings, the property owner, Mark Beattie, has been order to repay legal fees to the Township. He stated that he feels it is beneath this local government, and the Board, to make Mark Beattie pay legal fees.

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER None present

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Fire Department 2015 Annual Report; an invitation from the Tri County Regional Planning Commission to celebrate their 60th Anniversary; a thank you from the family of the late Bill Purves; a thank you from the Clinton County Economic Alliance for the Township's continued financial support; a programming update from Comcast; a legal opinion letter from Michigan Township's Association regarding Legal Expenditures; Clinton County Economic Alliance December 15, 2016 meeting notice; Annual recycling options report from Clinton County Department of Waste Management; Activity Report; and request to address the Board from Arnold Dunchock.

PUBLIC HEARING None

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS** None

NEW BUSINESS Community Development Director Niewiadomski reviewed his staff report outlining the Planning Departments recommendation for a renewal of SUP 15-990004 Kesler Properties LLC (Howe Road) for the mining of soil and minerals at the Kesler Howe Road Pit. Daryl Kesler was present and aware of the conditions of the SUP Renewal.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the renewal of SUP 15-990004 for the existing excavation operation conducted by Kesler Properties, LLC for property located at 2273 & 2285 Howe Road in Section 2 for an additional one (1) year provided that no mining activity occur in the southern 15.11 acre mining area until the fence is installed along the east property line. Motion voted and carried.

Kesler stated that the fence will be installed by spring.

Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy Community Development Director Niewiadomski reviewed the memo outlining proposed amendments to the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy, as recommended by the Corridor Improvement Authority and its Chair Chuck Allen.

Mosier moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the proposed amendment to the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy, as recommended by the Corridor Improvement Authority of 5-3-16, with the intent to better define the criteria for granting an exemption certificate based on goals that

align with the CIA District that help create and maintain jobs within the District. Motion voted and carried.

Updated Facility Use Policy Manager Taylor explained the proposed changes to the Facility Use Policy as described in his memo, dated December 9, 2016.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt, per Section 30 (Parks and Recreation) of the Township’s Codified Ordinance, the attached Valley Farms Community Center Use Policy and the Outdoor Facility Use Policy with an effective date of January 1, 2017. Motion voted and carried.

Change MERS Contribution Rate **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the two amendments to the Defined Benefit Adoption Agreement with MERS to change the employee contribution rates for the Supervisory and Non-Supervisory units of the POLC Union. Motion voted and carried.**

DARA Professional Services Agmt **Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement with DARA from January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2019. Motion voted and carried.**

Medical Insurance Manager Taylor explained the changes to the proposed health plan that have transpired since the last Board meeting, noting that the Board still must take formal action to approve the new plan.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to concur with the Benefits Committee to switch all employees to the health plan “Community Blue PPO Gold \$3000 with a HRA” offered by Blue Cross and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any necessary documents. Motion voted and carried.

Set Special Board **Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to schedule a Special Meeting of the Township Board for Thursday, December 29th at 4:00 p.m. to consider approval of budget adjustments, vouchers, and any year end business necessary. Motion voted and carried.**

Committee & Commission Reappointments Supervisor Galardi requested affirmation of his appointments to committees and commissions for terms beginning in 2017.

Appointments

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, the following:

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Adam Bertram, Kristen Krol, and Abby Lorenzen to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2019.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Kristen Krol, as the Planning Commission Representative, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2017.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Richard Byelich, Brian Schertzing, Gene Brownfield, Dennis Rozen, and Gordon Woodman to the Construction Board of Appeals for two (2) year terms ending December 31, 2018.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Tonia Olson and Max Calder to the Corridor Improvement Authority for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2019.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Bonnie Oetman to the Public Safety Committee for a four (4) year term December 31, 2020.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Mark Helinski and Jim Kurt to SCCMUA for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2019.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Judy Martiny to the Sewer Board of Appeals for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2021.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Wayne Summers and Matthew Boeve to the DeWitt District Library Board for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2019.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Brian Ross and Robert Showers to the Next Michigan Development Corporation for two (2) year terms ending December 31, 2018.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Tory Niewiadomski as the Township's primary delegate, and Rodney Taylor as the alternate delegate to CARTS through the year 2018.

To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Steve Musselman to the Sister City Board for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2020.

To confirm the Supervisor's appointment of Trustees Seeger and Fedewa to the Township's Election Commission for the year 2017.

To confirm the Supervisor's appointment of Trustees Musselman to the Planning Commission, Trustee Fedewa to the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Trustee Seeger to the Public Safety Committee for the year 2017.

2017 Schedules

Clerk Mosier provided the following 2017 Schedules: Township Board Meeting Dates; Union Employee Holiday Schedule; Township Hall Closing Schedule/Holiday Schedule; Committee and Commission Meeting Dates.

Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt Resolution R2016-12-65 establishing meeting dates for the Township Board for 2017, with the following changes: the first meeting in February will be February 6th not February 13th, which will be held as a joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

AYES: Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Mosier, Ross, Fedewa

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Motion by Seeger, second by Mosier, to approve the Union Employees Holiday Schedule, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

Supervisor Galardi noted that he would like the Board to consider a change to the 2017 Closing Schedule/Holiday Schedule. He explained that as shown in the correspondence, the Board will no longer be hosting an Employee Appreciation Event. He also pointed out that a recent example of excellent performance was provided by the Benefits Committee, where a collaborative effort made it possible for employees to continue to receive quality affordable health care, add options to the employees' benefit package, and continue to reduce Township costs. With these considerations, he requested that the Township Board consider adding July 3, 2017 to the Township Hall Closing Schedule/Holiday Schedule for non-union employees.

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to amend the 2017 Township Hall Closing Schedule/Holiday Schedule for non-union employees to include July 3, 2017. Motion voted and carried.

Trustee Ross pointed out that the Board could host an Employee Appreciation Event, but it could not be paid for from Township funds.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Fire Marshal DeKorte updated the Board on the Department's recent award winning float participation in the Christmas Market Parade.

Chief Russell reported on the Department's success in apprehending suspects who have eluded arrest for their involvement in liquor thefts from area Meijer Stores.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski reported on upcoming batch amendments relating to setbacks that will be coming to the Board. He also reported that a request for rezoning has been received for the Meyers/Solon Road area.

Supervisor Galardi reported that the Township has been approached by a neighboring department to discuss local fire services in an attempt to provide the best fire protection to area residents.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor