

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

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, 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; Assessor Laura Tafelsky; County Commissioners Ann Hill and Ken Mitchell; and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of August 22, 2016; approval of General Fund Vouchers of 66490-66574 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8371-8370. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing for Annual Streetlight
Annual Streetlight Assessments at 7:02 pm.
Assessments
R2016-09-13 Clerk Mosier reported that a few calls were received with questions. Assessor
thru R2016-09-58 Tafelsky reviewed the process noting that both Consumers Energy and the Board
of Water and Light assessments have decreased this year.

Frank Amoroso, 1240 Northway Drive, and Kurt Kollmeyer, 1230 Northway Drive, both spoke questioning their assessment, noting that they have no streetlights in the condominiums where they live.

Assessor Tafelsky will look into their situation, and communicate back to the residents. Supervisor Galardi noted that staff will communicate directly with the residents to resolve the matter.

Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolutions R2016-09-13 through R2016-09-58 establishing the 2016 Streetlighting Assessments.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT Arnold Dunchock, 1011 W. Round Lake Road and Mark Beatee, 202 Bingham Road, spoke regarding property located at 11280 S US27 in DeWitt Township. He stated that the property in question apparently has violations, documented in citation letters from Gary Cypher, the Township's Code Enforcement Officer. He has also been informed by the Planning Office that if the buildings are torn down, he would not be able to rebuild at the site because there are no public utilities, leaving one to determine that the Board does not want development in the northern tier of the Township. So, if they cannot tear down and rebuild, and the property has compliance issues, what are they to do with their investment? He indicated that Mr. Beatee is fearful that he will be incarcerated after a court hearing because of a dangerous building violation.

Supervisor Galardi stated that development is regulated by the zoning ordinance, and we have never said that we do not want development in the northern tier, but the lack of public utilities limits development. Supervisor Galardi suggested that the property owners continue to work with the Planning Office to find solutions to this situation. He pointed out that the Township takes safety issues very seriously.

PRESENTATIONS Katheryn Burkholder provided information regarding a project that Consumers Energy will be doing in 2017. It involves replacing meters within the Township for both gas and electric that will transmit usage information to a satellite on a daily basis. She explained what Consumers will do to communicate with the public/rate payers and answered questions from the Board.

Supervisor Galardi thanked Ms. Burkholder for the information and their well thought out plan for communicating with our residents.

Clinton County Dept. of Waste Mgt Kate Neese, Clinton County Waste Management Director, discussed county wide recycling efforts, and provided details about how local collection events are changing. She also explained changes to the upcoming event that will be held in DeWitt Township this next Saturday.

COMMISSIONER REPORT County Commissioners Hill and Mitchell provided information about current Clinton County issues.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Notice of Review of Apportionments from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; Notice of Hearings from Consumers Energy; Planning Commission Resolution adopting the 2017 CIP; Activity Report.

UNFINISHED None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed his memo dated September 9, 2016, explaining the details of the proposed Amendment 2 for Professional Services with C2AE for the Old US-27 Project.

Musselman moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Amendment 2 for Professional Services with C2AE relating to the additional construction management of the Old US-27 Project, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 Motion voted and carried.

C2AE Amendment/ Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated September 9, 2016, explaining the need for this amendment, since the Board has determined to move Phase II of the Herbison Road Pathway Project into the same time frame as Phase I. The project Funding was also discussed.

Musselman moved, Balzer seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute Amendment 1 for Professional Services with C2AE for the creation of design and bidding documents related to the Herbison Road Shared Use Pathway Project, in an amount not to exceed \$78,800. Motion voted and carried.

Musselman moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment: \$78,800 to 101-446-977-950 (Roads-Capital Exp. NMT) from 101-000-380-000 (425 Reserves). Motion voted and carried.

Sanitary Manhole Manager Taylor's memo, dated September 9, 2016, explained that as part of the Rehabilitation S2 Grant and the Sewer Rehab Plan, 36 manholes have been identified for Repairs. The project methodology and the bid process were discussed.

Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the Notice of Award for the 2016 Sanitary Manhole Rehabilitation Project, which will award the project to D.A. Van Dam & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$74,072 plus a contingency of \$3,704. Motion voted and carried.

MS4/Tri-County Agmt **Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to authorize the Township Manager to execute the Agreement of Funding Agreement between Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and DeWitt Charter Township for assistance in managing the Township's Phase II Stormwater Management requirements, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Motion voted and carried.**

Revocation of Commercial Rehab Exemption Community Development Director provided addition correspondence from the property owner.

Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt Resolution R2016-09-12 for revocation of Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate #C204-009 evidenced as parcel 050-028-400-045-50 for property located at 15694 S. US27 that was originally issued to Brad J. Thelen, and subsequently transferred to New Interest properties, LLC, based on a finding that International Union Elevator Constructors identified as the new owner of the property has not requested from DeWitt Charter Township as the local governmental unit for a commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate transfer or assignment and DeWitt Charter Township finds that the holder of the commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate has not provided in good faith with the operation of the qualified facility in a manner consistent with the purposes of this act and in the absence of circumstances that are beyond the control of the holder of the exemption certificate.

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

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Support Emergency Operations Plan **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to readopt the Support Emergency Operations Plan for DeWitt Charter Township and that a copy of the plan be submitted to the Clinton County Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion voted and carried.**

Clinton Transit Millage Renewal R2016-09-59 **Galardi moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolution R2016-09-59 supporting the Clinton Transit Millage Renewal.**

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

NAYS: None Motion carried.

2017 Budget Presentation REPORTS & COMMENTS Manager Taylor reviewed the expenditures budgeted for the 2017 Budget, and specifically any significant changes from the previous year. He also reviewed the capital projects and the Board discussed the impact that capital projects and grant dollars have on the required reserves contributions.

Clerk Mosier asked that we consider funding the automatic door openers at the entrance to the building, in an attempt to be more user/senior/handicapped friendly. Manager Taylor will investigate the possibility of including this project.

It was noted that the Budget Public Hearing will be held October 24th.

PUBLIC COMMENT Arnold Dunchock, 1011 W. Round Lake Road, spoke regarding 11280 S. US 27, repeating some of his previous comments.

RE0PORTS & COMMENTS Fire Marshal DeKorte reported that seven new Firefighters are in training now. He also reported that the new engine inspection will be in Florida on September 28th, so we are close to completing the purchase and build process.

Community Development Director Niewiadomski updated the Board on current projects that staff has been moving forward.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the Hi-Way Motel demolition is now scheduled for September 15th; MDOT is moving forward with widening BR27 at Stoll Road for a turn lane; Clark Road is slated for improvements from Airport Road to DeWitt Road by the Clinton County Road Commission; the Benefits Committee is meeting to select a new agent; pump station 501 bids came in way above estimates so more work is being done on this plan; he will be at the MML Conference the balance of the week.

Clerk Mosier updated the Board on the ongoing Election business related to getting the ballots.

ADJOURNMENT **Meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor