

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
October 10, 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, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT        Manager Rodney Taylor; Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte; Clinton County Commissioners Hill, Mitchell, Showers, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA    **Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of September 26, 2016; receive and place on file the Zoning Board of Appeals minutes of September 21, 2016, approval of General Fund Vouchers of 66628-66677 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8388-8421. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT     Arnold Dunchock, Owosso, was present with Mark Beatie, owner of property located at 11280 S US 27, DeWitt, and spoke regarding this property. He stated that he was encouraged after the last Board meeting that there would be resolve to this matter, however that has not been the case. He stated that he also recalls the Supervisor stating that the Board has no interest in seeing Mr. Beatie incarcerated. Dunchock stated that Mark Beatie appeared in a Clinton County Court as a result of a citation issued by the Township's Building Department (Cypher) and it appears that by paying the \$250 fine Beatie has pleaded guilty to the claims made in the citation and subsequent judgement. He stated that Mr. Beatie has until November 28<sup>th</sup> to resolve this matter or face incarceration. He stated that he has attempted to work with the Building and Planning staff, but has been unable to get answers specific to the violations cited. He stated that he has been told that if the structure is removed, that no new building will be allowed to be built at the site.

Clerk Mosier cautioned the Board about assuming that Dunchock's comments are entirely true.

Manager Taylor reported that staff, including himself, have meet with Arnold Dunchock since the last Board meeting, and several written communications have been sent to the owner of the property.

Supervisor Galardi encouraged both Mr. Dunchock and Mr. Beatie to address the safety issues associated with this property.

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER Commissioners Hill, Showers and Mitchell reported on Clinton County business, including a DeWitt Township resident appointment to the Clinton County Road Commission, pension funding issues, the County's 2017 Budget, revenue generated from the Southern Tier of Clinton County, with DeWitt Township being the largest contributor at 17% of the County's millage revenue, and upcoming changes to the 911 system statewide.

CORRESPONDENCE None.

PUBLIC HEARING 2017 Proposed Budget Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing on the 2017 Proposed Budget at 7:42 p.m. Manager Taylor stated that since the Board has been addressing the 2017 Budget at several meetings during the past months, he did not plan to repeat that information. He briefly explained changes that has been included in the document since the Board first received their drafts, noting that the automatic door openers for the Township Hall have been included and that he may be requesting that non-union salaries be reconsidered from the previous discussion.

There was no public comment.

Supervisor Galardi adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. Manager Taylor noted that the adoption of the 2017 Budget will be at the next meeting.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

Ordinance Amendment 42.9 Second Reading– Sport Shooting Ranges, was delayed for publication.

NEW BUSINESS  
L-4029 Millage Levy

Manager Taylor noted that the L-4029 presented does not propose any increase from the previous year's levy, and there is no "Headlee rollback," thus making the operating levy 3.9736 and one mill each (special voted) for police and fire. He also noted that the Township still has .4990 mills that could be levied without a vote of the people.

**form L-4029 that sets the millage rate for 2017 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS &  
COMMENTS

Fire Marshal DeKorte reported the following: the wife of Firefighter Dave Richmond passed away and services were this past weekend; our new pumper is in Wixom, Michigan; the Fire Department Open House is tomorrow at 6:30 and they are partnering with DeWitt Area Fire this year.

Manager Taylor reported the following: updated the Board on MERS/Pension funding discussions; the Herbison Road project is moving forward; discussions continue with WestPack (Coleman Road); updated the Board on the demolition of the Hi-Way Motel/Blight Elimination Grant; provided information regarding future maintenance of roads within the Township, since it has been determined that chip sealing extends the life of even a new road.

Trustee Musselman reported that the Sunrise luncheon is October 24<sup>th</sup>.

EXTENDED PUBLIC  
COMMENT

Ann Hill initiated discussion regarding declining student enrollment at MSU and the impact the decline will have on future development north of East Lansing.

ADJOURNMENT

**Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor