

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
November 28, 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy and Trustees: Dave Fedewa, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte, County Commissioner Ken Mitchell, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman 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 November 14, 2016; approval of General Fund Vouchers of 66806-66866 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8442—8448; and to receive and file the Planning Commission Draft Minutes of November 7, 2016, and the Election Commission Minutes of November 2, 2016. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER County Commissioner Mitchell provided information about the Bath Tower Project.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: DeWitt Community Booklet from the DeWitt Area Chamber; 2 Notices of Public Hearings from the Michigan Public Service Commission; billing changes notice from Comcast; Incompatible Public Offices opinion from Thrun Law; MWEA/President Ross article re: the Value of Water; October Statics from the Clinton County Sheriff; Wilderness Drain District notice from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; City resident letter from Jim Beckwith regarding the new Schavey/Clark Pathway; meeting invitation from DeWitt Public Schools.

PUBLIC HEARING None

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS None

Township approximately \$390,000 per year 4)although there is some risk/reward with this committee recommended plan, it is a projected savings of \$20,000 (5%) over the current 2016 plan 5)compared to the current renewal plan for 2017, the savings is \$60,000 (15%) 6)this committee recommended Simply Blue plan also reduces the employee's current premium co-share 7)the committee is also recommending that the Township set up Flexible Spending Account (FSA) 8)the committee is also recommending that the Township move from Guardian to Metlife for dental, vision, life, accidental death/dismemberment (AD&D), short and long term disability, which offers an additional \$8,000 in savings for these benefits, or savings of 12% over the current plan.

Manager Taylor pointed out that with consistent monitoring and review by the committee, the Township's increase for health care expenses has been 5.9% from 2007 to 2017, which is an average increase of 0.6% per year, when many other organizations have experienced premium increases in double digits.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded the following:

1)Concur with the Benefits Committee to switch to MetLife for dental, vision, life, accidental death/dismemberment (AD&D), short term disability and long term disability and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents necessary.

2)Concur with the Benefits Committee to increase the maximum amount the Township will pay for Vision insurance from \$200/year to \$250/year for non-union employees.

3)Concur with the Benefits Committee to switch all employees to health plan "Simply Blue PPO Gold \$2000" offered by Blue Cross and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents.

4)Authorize the Township Clerk or Township Manager to execute any documents to extend PHP coverage for one day from December 30, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

5)Concur with the Benefits Committee to add a Health Reimbursement Account to the PPO Gold \$2,000 plan and to wrap benefits down to a \$200/\$400 deductible and \$1000/\$2000 out of pocket maximum and to authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents.

6)Concur with the Benefits Committee to establish a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for employees with a maximum contribution of \$1500 effective January 1, 2017.

7)Beginning in 2017, non-union employees will pay 15% of the aggregate of the cost of health insurance premiums over the State cap. Union employees will also pay 15% as dictated by the union contracts.

Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, that pursuant to Section 8 of Act 152 of 2011, DeWitt Charter Township hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Act 152 for the 2017 calendar year.

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

The Board discussed the time and effort the committee members have committed to this process. Supervisor Galardi thanked Manager Taylor for his leadership in this continuing effort.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Fire Marshal DeKorte reported on recent auto-aid fires in Watertown and Victor Township.

Manager Taylor reported the following: engineering continues on the Herbison Road project with some changes taking place to both costs and design; discussions are taking place with the City of DeWitt regarding sanitary sewer capacity and the inter-connection agreements; he updated the Board on the court's decision relating to the Beattie property; he is meeting with the Clinton County Road Commission tomorrow at 9:00 am to discuss upcoming road projects.

Clerk Mosier asked questions regarding the routing of the non-motorized pathway on Herbison Road, similar to previous questions she has asked about the location of crossings on Herbison Road. She again expressed concerns about the number and locations of those crossings.

Clerk Mosier reported a recent conversation with Ken Schelb, Schavey Road, where he expressed his pleasure with the Schavey Road project, Mr. Taylor's management of the project, and the positive outcome for the area.

Trustee Fedewa reported that he is attending "newly elected official" trainings. The Board welcomed him and acknowledged the legal opinion that he can retain an ancillary position on the Fire Department while serving as a Trustee on the Township Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor