

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
November 14, 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 Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT        Manager Rodney Taylor; Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte; Trustee Elect David Fedewa, 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 October 24, 2016; approval of General Fund Vouchers of 66728-66805 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8433--8441. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT    None

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER      None present

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: 2016 DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Report; monthly Activity Report; from resident Michael Stoliecki regarding leaf burning; from resident Keith Kocher regarding Schavey Road sidewalk; Comcast re: billing changes; Lansing Regional Chamber re: 2016 support; RESA regarding Interview Day; press release from CRAA regarding new CEO Wayne Sieloff.

Trustee Balzer noted the increase in overall runs by the Fire Department and questioned whether Fire Marshal DeKorte feels this is due to an aging population. Fire Marshal DeKorte stated that he believes an aging population has affected the number of calls, but responses are generally increasing for many factors.

Manager Taylor responded to a question regarding the Schavey Road sidewalk. He explained that the tear out and redo was a result of work that was not accepted when finalizing the project.

PUBLIC HEARING None

UNFINISHED **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve on Second Reading,**  
BUSINESS **Rezoning request 16-880002, James Kost, BC to R3.**

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

NEW BUSINESS Supervisor Galardi initiated discussion about the need to update the Strategic  
Strategic Plan Update Plan providing information on how this will be accomplished: 1)Broader range  
Review/Discussion of non-governmental people will be involved this time; 2)focus will be on  
resources, both financial and human which will show how the Township can  
meet its goals 3)this update will be more needs driven, assist in improving the  
Township's image, and use an objective facilitator 4)the process will be more  
proactive than reactive, and be a living document that shows where we were and  
where we are going.

Board Members provided the following areas that should receive focus and  
priority: 1)need for diversity in housing for all age groups 2)community safety  
3)infrastructure maintenance 4)senior friendly community needs and mixed uses  
5)utilize the knowledge of Department Heads 6)update Township burning  
regulations 7) explore extension of utilities 8)continue partnerships and joint  
efforts 9)continue BR27/southern tier blight elimination 10)continue identity  
development 11)foster attracting young talent 12)outreach to schools 13)continue  
progress on non-motorized transportation system.

Supervisor Galardi stated that this type of strategic planning will position our  
government to look at the next generation of younger citizens. He pointed out  
that the timing is right to deal with some of the more political issues.

REPORTS Fire Marshal DeKorte reported that the new Engine is here. (The Board viewed  
the new equipment after the meeting adjourned.)

Trustee Balzer provided Township statistics from the Building Stronger  
Community Council and the 211 System. Her comments initiated discussion  
about the he Rotunda Manufactured Home Community and problems with their  
private sewage system that discharges into the City of Lansing. Manager  
Taylor and Trustee Ross will discuss this issue further.

Trustee Balzer also commented on speed/gravel haulers on Wood Road and what can be done to assist residents living in the Wood/Webb area.

Trustee Balzer thanked the Board members for the experience of working together these past four years. Trustee Ross and Clerk Mosier commented on the positive experience of serving with Trustee Balzer.

Trustee Balzer also congratulated Trustee Elect Fedewa on his election to the Township Board.

Trustee Seeger reported that the next Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting will be held Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Clinton County Road Commission.

Trustee Musselman reported on DARA issues including the upcoming review of Director Stevens.

Treasurer Daggy reported that winter tax bills will be going out soon and no increase in sewer rates for the upcoming year is certainly a positive for her office.

Clerk Mosier reported on the recent election.

Supervisor Galardi spoke to Trustee Balzer requesting that she stay engaged in Township service. He expressed his personal feeling that her service on the Board has been a benefit to the residents of DeWitt Township.

#### COMMENTS

Trustee Elect Fedewa thanked his family, the Board and Trustee Balzer for their help and support in the election process. He stated that after discussions with the Michigan Townships Association he believes he can continue his auxiliary service on the Fire Department and serve as an elected Trustee on the Board. He suggested that the Township might want to affirm that with their legal counsel. He stated that he believes he still has 25 years of service on the Fire Department and feels he would like to continue that auxiliary service while serving as a Trustee on the Township Board.

Supervisor Galardi and the Board congratulated Fedewa on his election to the Township Board.

ADJOURNMENT      **Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor