

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
January 26, 2015 Board Minutes

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy and Trustee Stephen Musselman

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Planner Tory Niewiadomski, , Assessor Laura Tafelsky, Administrative Assistant Julie Coleman, County Commissioners Robert Showers and Ken Mitchell, Police Officers Lt. Mark Nelson, Sgt. Bill Darnell, Earl Christensen and Brandon Shellberg, and former Lt. Brian Traub.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the Agenda, removing Set Public Hearing for Ridge Rock #2 Streetlights under New Business, and removing Outstanding Citizen Award to Norm & Renee Farnum under Presentation. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 64042 – 64094; approval of Township Board Minutes of January 12, 2015; and to receive and file the Planning Commission Draft Minutes of January 5, 2015, the December 2014 Revenue and Expenditure Report and Investment Report. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATIONS Supervisor Galardi and Police Chief Russell presented recently retired Lt. Brian Traub with his Traub Retirement retirement badge and gun. They congratulated him on his retirement after 28 years of serve to the DeWitt Township Police Department and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Lt. Traub thanked those present for the opportunity to serve the community.

Farnums/Outstanding Clerk Mosier noted that she believes she miscommunicated with the Farnums and will reschedule Citizen Award their presentation.

Supervisor Galardi called a brief recess to allow those present to congratulate Lt. Traub.

COUNTY Commissioners Mitchell and Showers reported on County Business, specifically the Reverse 911 COMMISSIONER system, and an update on the Next Michigan Development Corporation.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: notice of work to the Arbor Meadows Drain from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; Thank You from former Clinton County Commissioner, Jack Enderle; 4th Quarter Market Report from Coldwell Banker; December Statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; December 11, 2014 Minutes from the DeWitt District Library; Public Service Commission Meeting Notice from Consumers Energy; DeWitt Township Foreclosure List; MMRMA (Property and Liability Coverage) Distribution Refund; Press Release from Governor Snyder re: Statewide Recycling Initiative.

UNFINISHED None.
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS **Motion by Galardi, second by Ross, to affirm the Supervisor's appointments of Lois Baumer to the Board of Review and Ted Reuschel as an alternate member to the Board of Review, each for two year terms to end at 12 noon on January 1, 2017; and to appoint Trustees Balzer and Seeger to the Election Commission for 2015. Motion voted and carried.**
Appointments

Employment Rec/
Police Department Police Chief Russell reviewed his written recommendation for hiring to fill the vacant patrol officer position.

Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the hiring of Dominic Johnson as a full-time employee for the position of Police Officer contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physical, psychological test, and complete background check. Motion voted and carried.

2015 Corrected
Salary & Wage
Scale **Balzer moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the corrected 2015 Salary and Wage Schedule. Motion voted and carried.**

Time Off/Chief
Koos **Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to approve Chief Koos' time off request for more than 10 consecutive days in 2015, from March 13th through March 27, as required by his employment agreement. Motion voted and carried.**

Senior Living Market
Analysis Update Planner Tory Niewiadomski reviewed his update on the Senior Living Market Analysis dated January 21, 2015. He noted that preliminary drafts of the study were received from Plante Moran in October and November 2014 and feedback is being exchanged. Benchmarks used in the study were discussed, and preliminary findings were reviewed. Planner Niewiadomski noted the next steps: consultant to provide final revisions, staff to distribute copies to Board for discussion; identify potential options to market/promote findings of the study; and identify potential ordinance amendments to help facilitate senior care options.

Trustee Balzer questioned whether the private partnership portion of the study has transpired. Planner Niewiadomski noted that it may be too soon to answer whether that portion of the study will proceed, but he and Manager Taylor will be following the process. No action was taken.

Complete the
Streets-Proposed
Ordinance Update Planner Niewiadomski reviewed Planner Wittenberg's memo, dated January 21, 2015, addressing the Sidewalk Ordinance and proposed change to a Complete the Streets Ordinance, in part based upon the Township's adoption of a Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. He explained the

challenges to addressing all aspects of installing and maintaining these types of infrastructures (sidewalks, pathways, etc.). He also provided an overview of what tools were utilized to solicit public input, which included public meetings, an interactive survey and an online survey through the Township's web site.

Discussion determined that an additional opportunity for public input would be offered at the Board level prior to First Reading of the proposed ordinance. Planner Niewiadomski explained that the proposed ordinance will now be sent to the Township Attorney for review, then be presented to the Planning Commission who will make a recommendation to the Board.

No action.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: he is in the process of setting up a meeting with surrounding governments to discuss regional non-motorized transportation; the Township will be participating in a student program to utilize the skills of a special needs student in the workplace; it appears that Lansing Township is not interested in a 425 Agreement for property near the Coleman Road proposed extension.

Chief Russell reported that the Clinton County Reverse 911 system previous in place is being replaced with the Code Red system which will better serve the residents of Clinton County.

The 15th year since the passing of Officer Gary Priess was recognized.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor