

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
April 13, 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Stephen Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, County Commissioner Ann Hill, DARA Director Chad Stevens, 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 approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 64323 - 64388; approval of Township Board Minutes of March 23, 2015 and the March 30, 2015 Special Joint Meeting Minutes.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION DARA DARA Director Chad Stevens reviewed the DARA 2014 Annual Report and answered questions from the Board.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Commissioner Ann Hill provided an update on Clinton County business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Activity Report; Board Payroll Deduction memo and form; Burning Issues; DeWitt District Library Minutes for 2/5 and 2/26; a notice from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner regarding the Keilen Branch Drain work; a Ribbon Cutting invitation from County Commissioner Mitchell for the Meijer Clinton/Ionia/Shiawassee Trail.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the hiring of Becky Kolemäinen for the position of Employment Rec Fire Department Part-time Administrative Assistant II for the Fire Department pending completion of the required physical. Motion voted and carried.**

I-69/Old US 27
Gateway

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated April 10, 2015, outlining the proposed median design located at the intersection of I-69 and Old US-27. He noted that since this issue was last reviewed by the Board, Spicer has currently estimated the total project cost to be \$105,300, which was included in the 2015 budget and will be offset by 425 reserve dollars. He also noted that final approval is needed from MDOT, then fall installation is anticipated.

Daggy moved, Musselman seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk and Township Manager to execute an engineering services agreement with Spicer Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for bidding, construction, and administration services for the installation of landscaping in the median at the intersection of Old US-27 and I-69. Motion voted and carried.

T-Mobile Cell
Tower Lease

Manager Taylor's memo, dated April 10, 2015, was reviewed and discussed.

Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to allow the Township Clerk to execute the Second Amendment to Lease Agreement between the Township and T-Mobile Central LLC for the use of the Township's water tower as a platform for their cellular network. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: April 23rd a public meeting will be held at the Township Hall, for the purpose of providing information and soliciting public input on the Schavey Road improvement project, which also includes improvements shown on the non-motorized transportation plan; he is working on the 2016 budget process, and input from Board members is welcomed; he reported that while a team is working on public safety concerns in specific areas of the Township, the Building Office and Fire Marshall continue to be involved with a safety situation at the Highway Motel, where there was a need to involve the court to gain access to the establishment.

Trustee Seeger noted that the Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15th, and some issues have held up notices which are generally sent via email to members. Supervisor Galardi suggested that Township staff could provide some assistance.

Trustee Musselman provided some information on work being done by DARA to involve input from middle school aged children in determining programming needs that DARA and/or the school could fill.

Treasurer Daggy reported that the Grand Opening for Reno's North is Wednesday, April 15th beginning at 6:00 p.m. She initiated discussion about what the Board would like to do for the opening.

Clerk Mosier stated that she would like the Manager to consider automatic door openers for the Township's main entrance for the 2016 budget. She also noted that with the improvements to Turner Road it appears that speeding has increased and she asked the Chief to do what he can to make sure bikers and walkers are safe in the new lanes.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor