

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
September 28, 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 and Stephen Musselman, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Brian Ross

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Lt. Mark Nelson, Clinton County Commissioner Ken Mitchell, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 65166 – 65226 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8196 - 8229; approval of Township Board Minutes of September 14, 2015, and to receive and file the Planning Commission draft minutes of September 8, 2015. Motion voted and carried.**

PRESENTATION Manager Taylor provided a power point presentation which summarized the 2016 proposed Township Budget. (Reference “Letter to Board” in the proposed 2016 DeWitt Township Budget document). He noted that the Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for the next Board meeting.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT Bruce Angell II, 2201 Clark Road, Bath, previously provided a written request for assistance under the Township’s Public Participation Policy. He presented a letter that he requested be read into the record by Clerk Mosier. Said letter was read aloud and is hereby attached as a part of the minutes of the meeting.

The substance of the communication was a demand for a fence on the south boundary line of Gunnisonville Cemetery, which was promised in exchange for a land transfer in 2008. Manager Taylor noted that the fence is included in the Capital Improvement Plan, and currently planned for expenditure in 2016.

Angell also made accusations that the Township intends to privatize cemetery operations and maintenance, which accusations were disputed by Supervisor Galardi and Manager Taylor.

Supervisor Galardi stated that Bruce Angell has waited far too long for the fence, and asked that Manager Taylor take care of getting the fence installed as soon as possible.

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER Commissioner Mitchell provided a general update on Clinton County business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Bruce Angell II request to address the Board; Clinton County Treasurer Tina Ward re: Treasurer Daggy; Granger Landfill Construction Project Tour Invitation.

UNFINISHED None.
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Police Lt. Mark Nelson provided a power point presentation with justification for the
New Police Position request to hire a new patrol position which has been included in the 2016. He explained that starting the hiring process now will allow us to have an additional patrol officer on board by approximately January 2016. He also explained their plan to create a position from the existing force that will be a public relations/school liaison officer. Growth within the community, both residential and commercial was shown as the main reason for the addition of another officer.

Board members commented positively on Lt. Nelson's promotion and professionalism. He was commended for his contribution to the Police Department.

Bruce Angell II, 2201 Clark Road, Bath, stated that he was a party to hiring Lt. Nelson, years ago.

Resignation/Sister **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Scott
City Board Sowulewski from the Sister City Community Board, effective immediately. Motion voted
and carried.**

Supervisor Galardi requested that Trustee Musselman take the lead on recommending a replacement for this position.

Utility Agreement **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Utility Agreement with Old West Properties
Old West Properties LLC for the Taco Bell project and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute
(Taco Bell) the same (sewer only). Motion voted and carried.**

Budget Adjustment **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following budget adjustments to the 2015
Budget: 1)\$4,000 to 101-210-801-000 (Legal Fees) 2) \$14,500 to 101-265-977-000 (Twp Hall
Capital Exp) 3)\$500 to 101-215-977-000 (Clerk-Capital Exp) all from 101-000-390-000
(General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.**

Road Contract **Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to execute the agreement with the Clinton County
Glenn Street Road Commission for an asphalt overlay of Glenn Street in an amount not to exceed
\$29,466.75. Motion voted and carried.**

Special Assessment Reduction Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated September 25, 2015, explaining the reduction in assessments for specific properties previously included in the assessment district for the Southern Tier Sidewalk/Pathway project.

Balzer moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution R2015-09-65 that removes parcels from the south Old US-27 sidewalk and pathway special assessment district.

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

Change MERS Contribution Rates Manager Taylor's memo, dated September 28, 2105, explained that the union contracts require the proposed action.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the two amendments to the Defined Benefit Adoption Agreement with MERS to change the employee contribution. Motion voted and carried.

Building Official Grade Adjustment Manager Taylor explained that the Township is still operating without a Chief Building Official, that we have advertised and interviewed, worked with other agencies, and attempted to get our Fire Marshall certified by the State, but each attempt has been unsuccessful.

Although he is still working with the County to see if an opportunity exists, he would like to readvertise the position elevating it from a grade 8 position to a grade 9 position, with the corresponding pay range increase.

Daggy moved, Balzer seconded, to authorize the Township Manager, if necessary, to adjust the salary grade of the Chief Building Official from Grade 8 to Grade 9. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: he is working with owners of Rotunda Mobile Home park to make upgrades and improvements to their park; SCCMUA Director Chinavare has accepted a position with the City of Owosso and he will be leaving in November; he is continuing discussions with the City of DeWitt with the hope that we can work together on a Way Finding Sign project.

Trustee Balzer reported that no Board of Appeals meeting was held this month.

Treasurer Daggy reported that Deputy Treasurer Boyle is on leave, and the new part-time employee, Paula June, is working additional hours.

Clerk Mosier stated that she believes there is more at play than Mr. Angell stated, and she will do some research on the matter.

Clerk Mosier requested that the Manager request a study to see if something can be done about the speed drop/increase from 45/25 on Howe Road as you leave/enter the City of DeWitt.

Clerk Mosier reported on inquiries her office has received regarding the notice to bond sewer improvements.

Supervisor Galardi reported that the area supervisors will be meeting soon to discuss issues of mutual concern.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor