

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

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 pm 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 Chief Brian Russell, Salary & Compensation Commission Chair Scott Hummel, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Agenda, with the following changes: Adding Planning Commission Draft Minutes of 10/5/15 to the Consent Agenda, adding Notice of Revocation consideration/Solicitor's Permit, under Correspondence, and adding Appointment/Sister City Community Board under New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 65294 – 65342 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8242 - 8249; approval of Township Board Minutes of October 12, 2015; and to receive and file the Draft Planning Commission Minutes of October 5, 2015. Motion voted and carried.**

PRESENTATION Salary & Compensation Commission Chair Scott Hummel reviewed their 2016-2017 Report, explaining the Committee's rational for recommending what is basically a 2% salary increase for Township elected officials, both in 2016 and 2017.

Clerk Mosier's memo, dated October 23, 2015, explained the Board's options for moving forward from receipt of the Report which was on October 9, 2015.

Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to concur with the Salary Compensation Commission 2016-2017 Report filed on October 9, 2015, which will become effective in 30 days from receipt. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER None present

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Delta Township Awards invitation; DARA minutes of 6/25/15/, 8/6/15, and 10/6/15; Clinton County Sheriff September Statistics; Comcast rate/programing update; Looking Glass River Intercounty Drainage Board 8/27/15 & 10/6/15 minutes; Notice of Determination of Necessity for Faiver & Branch Drain; Notice of revocation consideration/Peddlers & Solicitor's Permit.

UNFINISHED None
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Planner Niewaidomski reviewed his staff report, dated October 20, 2015, regarding renewal of
Renewal/MacKenzie Special Use Permit 13-990002, E. T. MacKenzie, for excavation of soil and minerals at the
SUP 13-990002 Clark Road Pit. The Board discussed the request.
Clark Rd Pit)

Lois Baumer, 14420 Boichot Road, stated that over the years she has experienced a lot of dust from the operation, so that they no longer use their sun room on the back of their house. She stated that she would like to see the end of this operation in her lifetime, and that she was disappointed that she did not receive notice that this matter would be on the Agenda of tonight's meeting.

Ms. Baumer was reminded of the complaint process, since she had not filed any complaint to the pit operator or the Township. It was also explained that this renewal is a part of the original Special Use Permit process, so it is handled administratively and requires no public notice.

Ron Clark representing E. T. Mackenzie, answered questions from the Board about the pit operations and anticipated life of the operation.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the renewal of Special Use Permit 13-990002 for the existing excavation operation conducted by E.T. MacKenzie Company for property located at 1300 E. Clark Road in Section 22 for an addition one (1) year. Motion voted and carried.

2016 Township Budget R-2015-10-66 and 67 **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt the following Resolutions: R2016-10-66 (Budget Adoption) and R2015-10-67 (Budget Appropriation).**

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

R2015-10-68 Retirement Plan Amendments Clerk Mosier's memo, dated October 23, 2015, explained the need for amendments to the Township's Defined Contribution Pension Plan for non-union employees.

Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolution R2015-10-68, amending and restating provisions to the Township's Non-ERISA Retirement Plan, and authorizing the Clerk to Execute the same on behalf of DeWitt Charter Township.

Appointment – Sister City Community Board Supervisor Galardi explained that Trustee Musselman has taken the lead to fill this vacancy.

Musselman moved, Balzer seconded, to affirm the Supervisor's appointment of Kily Buta to the Sister City Community Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Scott Sowulewski, for a four year term ending December 31, 2019. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

REPORTS

Police Chief Russell reported that he is serving on an interview Board in the City of DeWitt, where some applicants are also applicants to fill the police officer position in DeWitt Township. He noted that we have received approximately 26 applications for this position.

Manager Taylor reported the following: due to the State of Michigan new mobile home legislation, he is working with Valley Estates and Rotunda (who he believes have really stepped up) on the "local community review" process; tomorrow is the scheduled court hearing on the Highway motel, and he believes the majority of the health and safety issues remain; the Southern Tier sidewalk project is scheduled to be completed by November 15th, with some utility relocation issues still pending; notice was received today that we did not get the new Fire Truck Grant so he will be working to get this into the 2016 Budget; the State of Michigan has set the CPI for 2016 at .003.

Trustee Balzer stated that she believes the change to receive voucher information with the Board packet is an improvement to the previous process.

Treasurer Daggy stated that Deputy Treasurer Boyle has returned to work from medical leave.

Clerk Mosier reported that the State has established election dates for next year, with the Presidential Primary scheduled for March 8th.

Supervisor Galardi reported that we are working with local organizations and the City of DeWitt on the issue of needed senior housing.

Supervisor Galardi pointed out that the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which Trustee Balzer is a member, have honored Trustee Musselman. He stated that Trustee Musselman is the busiest retired guy that he knows, and deserves recognition for his many endeavors and accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor