

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
March 24, 2014 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, Trustees Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Daggy

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, County Commissioner Jack Enderle, DARA Director Clay Summers, Candidate for State Senate, 24th District, Dawn Levey, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 62738 - 62822, approval of Township Board Minutes of 03/10/14; receive and place on file the minutes of the draft Planning Commission meeting of 03/03/14. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT Ken Mitchell introduced himself as a candidate for County Commissioner in District 4, where County Commissioner Jack Enderle will be not be running for reelection.

PRESENTATION Dawn Levey Dawn Levey, candidate for 24th District State Senator, introduced herself and reviewed her qualifications.

DARA/2013 Annual Report DARA Director Clay Summers explained the highlights from the DARA 2013 Annual Report. Discussion centered on the direction of DARA as established by their strategic planning process. Summers noted that utilizing technology, operating like a business, and establishing partnerships will be a priority for the upcoming year. There was brief discussion about the plan to include senior citizens into the DARA programs.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT Commissioner Enderle reported on current Clinton County business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Thank You from Tri-County Office on Aging for the Township's 2014 contribution; 2014 Board of Review information; an Art Show invitation from Community Mental Health.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Motion by Seeger, second by Ross, to schedule a Retirement Open House for April 17, 2014, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to be held here at the Township Hall, for retiring Police Officer James Terrill. Motion voted and carried.**
Retirement Open House/Officer Terrill

Meadows Celebration **Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the agreement with Night Magic Displays for fireworks at the 2014 Meadows Celebration for an amount not to exceed \$6,000, and to also authorize the Clerk to execute the Application for Fireworks Display Permit and the Permit for Fireworks Display. Motion voted and carried.**
Fireworks Contract

Budget Adjustment Manager Taylor's memo, dated March 21, 2014, explained that at tax settlement, the County makes the Township whole by paying off delinquent taxes when they are turned over to the County. The county then either collects the delinquent taxes, or the properties are eventually sold making the county whole from the sale. In this economy, a recent sale did not make the County whole again, so the Township must repay the County the monies not recovered through the sale of the properties, thus the budget adjustment recommended.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the following 2014 budget adjustment: \$15,100 to 101-265-956-000 (Township Hall – Misc.) from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.

Strategic Plan Manager Taylor pointed out that all suggested changes have been incorporated into the updated Adoption plan. The Board commented on the plan, and the current changes added with this update. They thanked Manager Taylor for his continued implementation of the plan.

Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt the 2014-2018 Strategic Plan. Motion voted and carried.

Special Assessment Manager Taylor provided a staff report, dated March 21, 2014, which outlined the Old US27 Old US27 Sidewalk/ Sidewalk/Pathway project, grant monies to be awarded, and special assessment questions and Pathway assumptions. The information was discussed at length, intended to give the Manager some direction in moving forward with the project. A timeline for the project was also discussed. No action was taken.

REPORTS & Manager Taylor reported the following: he is working with a group that has an interest in **COMMENTS** a dog park within the Township; May 5th is opening day at the Miracle Field; the Library survey data has been compiled, and he reviewed some of the findings; he has met with representatives of the Heritage Glenn Homeowners Association, and the Drain Commissioner, to discuss how the special assessment process works; we have closed on the former Chip's property and demo is the next step in the process; he reported on a recent home occupation issue involving a Township resident who has operated a small engine repair from his garage, and we have received some calls from local residents about the issue.

Trustee Balzer reported on recent Board of Appeals business.

Trustee Ross reported that the Next Michigan meeting has been delayed a week.

Trustee Seeger reported that the next Clinton County Township Officers Meeting Association meeting will be April 16th at Watertown Township. He also noted that he will be absent at the joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor