

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
September 22, 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees, Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Fire Chief Frederick Koos, Assessor Laura Tafelsky, Chief Building Official Albert Esser, Planner Brett Wittenberg, County Commissioner Eileen Heideman, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Balzer 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 63573– 63644; approval of Township Board Minutes and Executive Session Minutes of September 9, 2014 , and to receive and file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of September 2, 2014. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT Commissioner Heideman reported on current Clinton County Commission business, including the following: the commissioners have approved a 2% wage increase for 2015; the County's 2015 budget will be less than the 2014 amended budget, which includes the 5.8 mill maximum levy allowed for the County.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: the Resolution adopted by the Planning Commission for the 2015 CIP; August statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; Loesch Drain Work notice from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; the Fair & Affordable Housing Initiative document; a reminder for Gunnisonville Day.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS Planner Wittenberg reviewed Planner Niewiadomski's memo, dated September 16, 2014, Ord Amd 42.6 FR Various Changes which outlined the proposed amendments and the Planning Commission's recommendations for the same.

Clerk Mosier initiated discussion regarding the following: change to allow auto repair by right in the Light Industrial District, which could be close to residential dwellings; concerns about “drive through facilities” which could be added after site plan to existing commercial developments without providing for public input; the possible levels of noise that might be omitted by speakers used in drive through facilities.

Planner Wittenberg indicated that changes could be investigated and incorporated prior to Second Reading. Clerk Mosier pointed out that this would mean the Ordinance would be published and posted as is, not with the changes.

Musselman moved, Ross seconded, to approve, on First Reading and based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, and after finding that the proposed amendments have complied with the process for amending the Zoning Ordinance, Zoning Ordinance Amendment 42.6, which includes various amendments to the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance.

AYES: Balzer, Ross, Daggy, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman
NAYS: Mosier Motion carried.

R2014-09-65
Northcrest & 27 LLC
Com Rehab Tax
Exemption Revocation

Planner Wittenberg explained the request per the memo, dated September 18, 2014.

Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-09-65 for revocation of Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate #C2009-2010 evidenced as parcel 050-132-000-118-00 for property located at 1011 Northcrest, that was originally issued to Northcrest & 27 LLC, based on a finding that Michigan Area United Methodist Ministry Center LLC, identified as the new owner of the property, has not requested from DeWitt Charter Township, as the local governmental unit for a commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate transfer or assignment, and DeWitt Charter Township finds that the holder of the commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate has not proceeded in good faith with the operation of the qualified facility in a manner consistent with the purposes of this act and in the absence of circumstances that are beyond the control of the holder of the exemption certificate. Motion voted and carried.

R2014-09-64
Payment Postmarks

Treasurer Daggy explained her request that the Township no longer accept postmarks as the a payment date, effective January 1, 2015.

Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-09-64, establishing how and when payments will be received and when late fees will be charged.

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

Manager Taylor reported the following: the canoe/kayak launch at the Looking Glass Riverfront Park (Herbison Road) is complete, and has received a record number of comments on the Township's Facebook site; the Clinton County Parks and Recreation Plan will be the subject of a County meeting to be held here in the Township Hall; he is working with Clinton Transit and CATA to coordinate possibilities for the Southern Tier; there was a recent sewer overflow at Kristana Mobile Home Park which has brought some health concerns to light; Chief Building Official Esser will give an update/report at the next meeting on the Property Maintenance Code one year after its adoption as previously discussed by the Board.

Trustee Balzer thanked Manager Taylor for attending the recent Building Stronger Communities Meeting. She also reported on the most recent Board of Appeals meeting, noting that two issues were considered, one which was tabled involving setbacks for a chicken coop.

Clerk Mosier reported that with less than 45 days till the General Election we are in full election mode and awaiting delivery of absentee ballots.

ADJOURNMENT Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor