

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
February 27, 2017 Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Clerk Mosier at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees: Dave Fedewa, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi and Trustee Steve Musselman

ALSO PRESENT        Manager Rodney Taylor; Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA    **Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of January 23, 2017; approval of Joint Board and Planning Commission Minutes; approval of General Fund Vouchers of 67076-67197 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8499-8534; and to receive and file the Draft Planning Commission Minutes of February 6, 2017. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC HEARING      Clerk Mosier opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m.  
Valley Farms         Manager Taylor explained that as part of the plan to build an accessible  
Accessible Playground one of the steps required prior to application for the grants is to hold a Public Hearing on the project. He reviewed the proposed cost estimates for the project.

There was no public comment.

Clerk Mosier closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT    None.

PRESENTATIONS     Manager Taylor introduced Rick Ruble with Northpoint Church. He stated that  
Rick Ruble            he invited representatives from Northpoint here this evening to talk about all the  
Northpoint Church   good they continue to do within our community.

Ruble introduced Amy Beltran, explaining that she heads up many of the community projects. He provided some history on the Northpoint (formerly DeWitt Community) Church, and their longevity approaching 200 years in the community. He specifically talked about their ongoing projects in Rotunda Mobile Home Community and their Chaplin's service on the Fire Department. He and Manager Taylor talked about the upcoming March 11 Generosity Fees program, which will focus this year on feeding hungry families within Clinton County. They noted that over 20 Township employees and family members have volunteered to participate that day.

The Board thanked Ruble, Beltran, and Northpoint for all they have done and continue to do for the community.

COUNTY  
COMMISSIONER None present  
REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: information on the upcoming MTA Conference; December 2016 and January 2017 statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office; Wilderness Drain Construction notice from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; thank you from the family of Vince Keilen; information from MML regarding 2017 member dividends; Activity Report; Sister City Koka thank you from Mayor Iwanaga; 2016 review of Open Meetings Act decisions.

UNFINISHED **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt, on Second Reading, Ordinance**  
BUSINESS **Amendment 42.10 (Batch Amendments) to the Township Zoning Ordinance.**  
Ord Amd 42.10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading **AYES: Fedewa, Ross, Daggy, Mosier, Seeger**  
**NAYS: None Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated February 24, 2017, regarding  
Valley Farms improvements to the Valley Farms Park, to build an accessible playground. The  
Accessible Play memo largely addressed estimates for funding, grant monies, and cost shares for  
R2017-02-02 & 03 the proposed project. Funding this project with 425 dollars, and future  
maintenance of the playground were discussed.

**Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the following:**  
**1)Resolution R2017-02-02 authorizing the submission of a Recreation**  
**Passport Grant and make available its financial obligation of \$260,900 with**  
**CASE Cares funding of \$94,654 of this amount.**

**2)Resolution 2017-02-03 that authorizes the submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Development Grant and make available its financial obligation in the amount of \$20,490.**

**AYES: Seeger, Mosier, Daggy, Ross, Fedewa**  
**NAYS: None Motion carried.**

GRLC Memorandum  
Of Understanding  
R2017-02-04

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo relating to the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC). He noted that the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is expiring in April, and the proposed Resolution will approve execution of the MOU and payment of the membership fees.

**Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution R2017-02-04 that authorizes a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management to assist with compliance related to Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) stormwater discharge permits.**

**AYES: Fedewa, Ross, Daggy, Mosier, Seeger**  
**NAYS: None Motion carried**

Annual Salary Adj  
Manager Taylor

Clerk Mosier reviewed Supervisor Galardi's memo addressing the Manager's Salary adjustment.

**Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to adjust the Manager's salary by increasing it 2.5% effective March 10, 2017. Motion carried.**

REPORTS &  
COMMENTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: regarding the Herbison Road Project, funding issues may now require us to do advance construction, which means we pay for the project up front and then the State reimburses in October in their new budget year; the Township is partnering with Meridian Township to file an Amicus Brief relating to the appraised value of big box stores (cost \$1,000); the State has begun their Personal Property Reimbursement Program and the Township will receive \$9,898 this year; bids are out for the 501/201 sewer project; Generosity Fees, the program referenced by Rick Ruble this evening, will be held March 11, and the Township has about 20 employees/family members volunteering; the Community Showcase is April 13<sup>th</sup> at DeWitt High School; the Rebuilding Together project is scheduled for a volunteer date of April 29<sup>th</sup> and 10+ applications have been received; the MDOT Stoll Road turn lane project is most likely not happening this year because of soil conditions;

staff is working on the annual Hotel/Motel inspection process; arbitration for the Police/Rockford grievance is scheduled for early June; regarding the Howe Road sidewalk/streetlight project, Springbrook residents are considering a petition drive to start a special assessment process; the first Tax Capture for the South Central area is \$1,655; the compensation/benefit summary has been distributed to all employees; on Presidents Day the Township Hall closed to accomplish a cleaning project, with approximately 10 truckloads sent for shredding or to disposal; we have been meeting with CATA/Clinton Transit to talk about how transportation services and regional prosperity grant dollars from Tri-County Regional Planning may assist us in this study.

Manager Taylor thanked the Board for his Salary increase, and the opportunity to serve the Board and the community.

Trustee Ross stated that he supports leveraging monies to fund quality of life projects such as the Valley Farms Accessible Playground. He thanked Manager Taylor for his persistence in seeking grant monies.

Trustee Fedewa initiated discussion regarding communications with residents, and the use of social media to accomplish the same.

Treasurer Daggy noted that they are nearing the end of the tax collection season.

Fire Marshal DeKorte updated the Board on recent Auto Aid/Mutual Aid fire responses, recent trainings, and the Public Safety Committee meeting.

Clerk Mosier reported the following: recent changes from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission have prompted applications from local gas station/convenience stores for takeout beer and wine licenses (Speedway & Meijer); a resignation from the Sister City Board will be on the next Agenda; the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Election Date will have two school elections, which are being held in other jurisdictions per our School Election Consolidation Contracts; the Salary Compensation Commission will meet this year, and they have a vacancy on the Commission; reminder that on March 13, prior to the next meeting, is Fire Chief Koos's Retirement Open House.

ADJOURNMENT

**Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor