

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
September 25, 2017 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: Dave Fedewa, Steve Musselman, Dave Seeger and Brian Ross

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor (arrived late), Police Chief Brian Russell, Interim Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, Planner Brett Wittenberg, Chief Building Official Chuck Rau.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, moving Presentation to New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following: approval of the Township Board Minutes of September 11, 2017; approval of General Fund Vouchers 67969-68024 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8568-8577; and to receive and place on file the Planning Commission Draft minutes of September 5, 2017. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COUNTY None Present
COMMISSIONER
REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Bruce Ballard retirement open house invitation; DeWitt District Library minutes of 8-10-17; Michigan Townships Association Legislative News; Clinton County Drain Commissioner notices regarding drain maintenance for the Saffron Hills Drain and the Clemons Drain; Activity Report; Clinton County Economic Alliance 5-12-17 Draft Minutes; Legislative Update from State Representative Tom Leonard.

UNFINISHED Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-09-02 (Burning) was delayed for publication.
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Police Chief Brian Russell reviewed his memo, dated September 19, 2017, which
Employment Rec provided his recommendation for hiring a full-time Police Officer.

Motion by Ross, seconded by Daggy, to approve the hiring of Brian D. Brown, as a full-time employee for the position of Police Officer contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physical, psychological test, and complete background check. Motion voted and carried.

2018 Proposed Budget Presentation Manager Taylor reviewed the major issues considered within the 2018 Proposed Budget. Discussed at length: 1) development/buildable lots/growth as it affects future tax revenue 2)rise in general public safety costs and the specific impact of liability associated with MERS funding (police union pensions) 3)police & fire special voted millage which has not been increased in approximately 50 years 4)funding reserves and the use of reserve funds 5)425 revenues 6)increasing expenditures vs lesser increases in revenues.

Set Public Hearing 2018 Budget **Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to set the 2018 Proposed Budget Public Hearing for October 9, 2017. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS/
COMMENTS Police Chief Brian Russell noted that several of our officers are participating in local causes/charities and he is proud that they have stepped up in this effort.

Interim Fire Chief DeKorte reported that the new radios are being received from the multi-jurisdictional grant. He also reported on the recent mass casualty training for police and fire departments held at the Community Center property.

Clerk Mosier noted that the e-packet committee continues the make progress on evaluating software and will report to the Board soon.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor