

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
November 27, 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, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Brian Ross

ALSO PRESENT           Manager Rodney Taylor; Interim Fire Chief Dave DeKorte; Planner Brett Wittenberg; Helen Mills and Ryan Stecovich, attorneys with Fahey Schultz Barzych & Rhodes.

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

CONSENT AGENDA   **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of November 13, 2017; approval of General Fund Vouchers 68199-68247 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8620-8627.**

PUBLIC COMMENT   None

COUNTY                   None present.  
COMMISSIONER  
REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE   Correspondence included the following: Benefits Committee Minutes of 8/24, 10/19, 11/2, 11/8, and 11/14; DeWitt District Library Minutes 9/14 and 10/12; SCCMUA Director's Report of 11/21/17; Public Service Commission Meeting Notices for 11/28 & 11/30; Legislative Update from State Representative Tom Leonard.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS               None.

NEW BUSINESS       Planner Wittenberg reviewed his memo, dated November 21, 2017, for renewal of SUP 15-990004 Kesler Properties, LLC, for excavation of soil and minerals on Howe Road. He noted that there have been no complaints regarding the current operation, and that this is the second of four renewals allowed before January of 2021.

Daryl Kesler, President of Kesler Properties LLC was present to answer questions.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the renewal of SUP 15-990004 for the existing excavation operation conducted by Kesler Properties, LLC for property located at 2273 & 2285 Howe Road in Section 2 for an additional one (1) year. Motion voted and carried.**

R2017-11-68 Property  
Transfer Affidavit/  
Waiver of Late Filing  
Fee

Assessor Tafelsky reviewed her staff report, dated November 17, 2017, addressing the waiver of interest and penalty for failure to file a property transfer.

**Musselman moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution R2017-11-68, authorizing the waiver of interest and penalty for failure to file Form 2722 (L4260) Property Transfer Affidavit within 45 days of the property transfer.**

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

2018 Meeting Dates  
& Holidays

**Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolution R2017-11-69 establishing meeting dates for the Township Board for 2018.**

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

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Union Employees 2018 Holiday Schedule, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

Committee &  
Commission Appts

Supervisor Galardi provided his appointments and reappointments for Township committees and commissions.

**Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to appoint Sarah Rick to the Sister City Community Board to fill the balance of the term of James Sinnamon which will expire on December 31, 2018. Motion voted and carried.**

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, the following:**

**To confirm the Supervisor's appointment of Kristen Krol as the Planning Commission Representative, to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a one (1) year term ending December 31, 2018.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Marsha Zimmerman and Dale Dailey to the Planning Commission for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Andrew Richards, Donald Riel and Jeff Carpenter to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three (3) years terms ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Joshua Knight to the Construction Board of Appeals for a two (2) year term ending December 31, 2019.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Charles Allen, Raymond Mohre II, Johanna Balzer and Scott Randall to the Corridor Improvement Authority for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Peggy Brown to the Sister City Community Board for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2021.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Doug Simon to the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (DARA) for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Brian Byars to the Library Board for a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Thomas Hendrickson to the Public Safety Committee for a four (4) year term ending December 31, 2021.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's reappointment of Rodney Taylor and Diane Mosier to the Sewer Authority for three (3) year terms ending December 31, 2020.**

**To confirm the Supervisor's one year Trustee reappointments as follows: Trustee Musselman to the Planning Commission and 2018 Election Commission; Trustee Seeger to the Public Safety Committee and 2018 Election Commission; Trustee Dave Fedewa to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Motion voted and carried.**

Budget Adjustments      Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated November 22, 2017, explaining a budget adjustment for legal fees, and another to cover the State Road property purchase with associated fees.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the following 2017 Budget Adjustments: \$20,000 to 101-265-977-000 (Twp. Hall-Capital) from 101-000-380-000 (425 Reserves Fund Balance) and \$47,000 to 101-210-801-000 (Legal Fees) from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.**

Employee Benefits/2018 Changes      Manager Taylor reviewed his memo outlining the Benefits Committee recommendations. He noted that this is a yearly lengthy and intensive process, which has saved the Township approximately 1.4 million in health care costs since forming the Benefits Committee in 2007.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to:**

- 1. Concur with the Benefits Committee to stay with MetLife for dental, vision, life, accidental death,/dismemberment (AD&D), short and long term disability, and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents necessary.**
- 2. Concur with the Benefits Committee to switch all employee to health plan Blue Care Network (BCN) Silver plan and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents.**
- 3. Concur with the Benefits Committee to add a Health Reimbursement Account to the BCN plan to wrap benefits down to a \$250/\$500 deductible and \$1000/\$2000 out-of-pocket maximum and to authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents.**
- 4. Concur with the Benefits Committee to continue a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for employees with a maximum contribution of \$2000 effective January 1, 2018.**
- 5. Beginning in 2018, employees pay 0% of the aggregate of the cost of health insurance premiums over the State cap.**
- 6. For 2018 only, employees that receive health insurance will be eligible for a pro-rated payment of \$875 in January and \$875 in July.**
- 7. Pursuant to Section 8 of Act 152 of 2011, DeWitt Charter Township hereby exempts itself from the requirements of Act 152 for the 2018 calendar year.**

