



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
June 13, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Adam Cramton, Treasurer Sandy Stump, and Trustees David Seeger, David Fedewa, and Steven Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT Brian Ross.

ALSO PRESENT Manager Andrew Dymczyk, Interim Police Chief Jason Jones, Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Smith seconded, to approve the agenda.**

AYES: Smith, Cramton, Seeger, Fedewa, Stump, Galardi.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ross.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA **Smith moved, Fedewa seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Board of Trustees Regular Meeting draft minutes, May 23, 2022; and General Vouchers 74249-74325.**

AYES: Smith, Stump, Cramton, Seeger, Fedewa, Galardi.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ross.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION Rodney Palmer, Principal, Mercy Ambulance, was present to discuss the current state of Mercy Ambulance Service Inc. ambulance service. Mercy was established in Lansing in 1955 and provides ambulance services for the Lansing area as well as Clinton and Barry Counties. He feels that DeWitt Township Fire Department's first response is top-notch and often first on scene. Currently, Mercy employs about 42 Paramedics and EMTs. The average Paramedic career is roughly five years, meaning that turnover is a constant, and recruitment of good candidates is imperative.

PUBLIC HEARING None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT None.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: May 2022 Fire Activity Report; DeWitt Area Recreation Authority Report on Financial Statements; and State of Michigan Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of Consumer's Energy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Chief Interviews The posting and advertisement for the position of Police Chief concluded on June 3rd with a group of qualified candidates. Manager Dymczyk recommends setting a Special Board Meeting for the purpose of conducting the business of Police Chief Interviews on July 11th from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A sub-committee consisting of Manager Dymczyk, Assistant Manager Julie Coleman, Treasurer Stump, and Trustee Ross, will perform initial interviews in an effort to reduce the number of qualified candidates for Board interviews. The Board desires to interview between two and four candidates.

Manager Dymczyk provided the wage schedule, job description, advertisement, and a timeline of events for this hiring process.

Cramton moved, Galardi seconded, to set a Special Board Meeting on July 11th to start at 12:00 PM for the purpose of conducting the business of Police Chief interviews.

AYES: Stump, Fedewa, Seeger, Cramton, Smith, Galardi.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Ross.

Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC, STAFF, & BOARD COMMENTS Fred Koos, 14201 DeWitt Rd., was interested in the Mercy Ambulance presentation. He feels that Mercy is a private business and provides a training ground for advancement to other disciplines. He feels that the Township will always provide the first-responder service.

Fire Chief Dave DeKorte informed the Board of the Fire Department's recent participation in the DeWitt Community Showcase, as well as Sheridan Road School and The Pines Block Party. Two Firefighters have completed training, and the County's Emergency Management team is monitoring the upcoming high temperatures.

Interim Chief of Police Jason Jones commented that the new command structure of four Sergeants is working extremely well. The Police Department is using local events, like the Community Showcase, as recruitment opportunities.

Manager Dymczyk offered updates on the following:

- Signed Letter of Agreement with Police Officer Stump
- Black Bear spotted in the Township – DNR advising
- Brook Road fire update, upcoming court date
- Local news story on BOLA Wrap device
- Police Chief new hire process update
- Granger Meadows Special Use Permit second reading
- Pollinator gardens
- One open Police Officer position
- 2023 budget
- Police Department photo donation

Trustee Smith feels that it is important for the Township to consider what things are attractive to prospective police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical responders.

Trustee Seeger recently attended the Clinton County Employee Picnic.

Treasurer Stump presented that her office is still waiting for the final milage rates for the summer taxes. Utility bills will be sent this week. DARA presented their annual audit results this week, and the status of programming post-COVID is robust. DARA will be focusing on security for the duration of summer camp.

Supervisor Galardi informed the Board of recent discussions about development opportunities within the Township

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Galardi seconded, to adjourn 7:50 PM.

Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Cramton, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor