



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
June 26, 2023 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, and Trustees David Seeger, Brian Ross, David Fedewa, and Steven Smith.

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Treasurer Sandy Stump.

**ALSO PRESENT** Manager Andrew Dymczyk, and Fire Chief Dave DeKorte.

**AGENDA** **Smith moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the agenda as presented.**

**AYES: Fedewa, Cramton, Seeger, Smith, Ross, Galardi.**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Stump.**

**Motion carried.**

**CONSENT AGENDA** **Ross moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Board of Trustees regular meeting draft minutes, June 12, 2023; Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2023; and General Vouchers 75684-75748.**

**AYES: Ross, Smith, Cramton, Seeger, Fedewa, Galardi.**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Stump.**

**Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**PRESENTATION** None.

**PUBLIC HEARING** None.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT** Clinton County Commissioner Ken Mitchell informed the Board that Clinton County will not be receiving any broadband grant monies from the State.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence included the following: MERS 2022 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report; Clinton County May 2023 Jail Billing; Notice of Public Hearing – Clinton County Department of Waste Management; May 2023 Fire Department Activity Report; May 2023 Police Department Activity Report; Cemetery access; and Clinton County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2023.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Proposed Ordinance  
Amendment 23-1 –  
Shopping Center  
Business District

As part of the Community Development Department’s efforts to enhance the Township’s ability to move toward its goals as identified in the Comprehensive Development Plan and the Strategic Plan, staff introduced the following ordinance amendment proposal.

To permit, as a use by right, athletic clubs and health spas in the Shopping Center Business (BSC). Currently, athletic clubs and health spas are permitted by right in the Community Business (BC) zoning district.

Staff identified that athletic clubs and health spas are allowed by right in the BC district and not allowed at all in the BSC district. Staff is of the opinion that this use is compatible within both districts and, as such, should be a permitted use in both districts.

At the May 1, 2023 Planning Commission meeting, there were no concerns or questions regarding the proposed amendment.

At the May 22, 2023 Township Board meeting, the Board concurred with the Planning Commission’s recommendation and approved on first reading.

Per State Statute, public notice was sent out in the Lansing State Journal on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. No public comment was received.

**Galardi moved, Fedewa seconded, based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission at their meeting of May 1, 2023, and after finding that the proposed amendment has complied with the process for amending the Zoning Ordinance, approve the second reading of Zoning Ordinance Amendment 23-1, that updates and amends the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance for the purposes of adding athletic clubs and health spas as a use permitted by right.**

**AYES: Fedewa, Smith, Seeger, Cramton, Ross, Galardi.**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Stump.**

**Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS  
MI Fire Equipment  
Grant

The State of Michigan Fiscal Year 2023 Budget allocated the Department of Treasury \$12 million to establish and operate a fire grant program to qualified local units of government. Grant awards are not to exceed \$10,000 for eligible departments. In conversations with Chief DeKorte, it is believed that the department would be qualified and have eligible expenses. Manager Dymczyk recommends submittal to the Michigan Department of Treasury for the MI Fire Equipment Grant. Submittal shall be for maximum allowable award of eligible expenses. The application deadline for this fire grant program is July 10, 2023.

**Fedewa moved, Seeger seconded, to direct the Manager’s Office to submit a MI Fire Equipment Grant application, of maximum allowable award, to the Michigan Department of Treasury.**

**AYES: Ross, Cramton, Fedewa, Smith, Seeger, Galardi.**

**NAYS: None.**

**ABSENT: Stump.**

**Motion carried.**

EXTENDED PUBLIC, STAFF, & BOARD COMMENTS, Planning Commissioner Bruce Keilen was present to thank the Fire Department for their quick response to a downed power line and resulting brush fire near his property. He added that Planning Commission is slow at this time, and staff are taking advantage by cleaning up ordinance. He thanks Trustee Fedewa for the Board updates that he provides to the Commission, and that Community Development Director Wittenberg and Administrative Assistant Ferguson are doing an outstanding job.

Fire Chief Dave DeKorte updated the Board on a Bath Township assist and a fire at the landfill in Delta Township. Additionally, it was discovered during a 3<sup>rd</sup> floor wellness check that the ladder truck is in need of repair.

Manager Dymczyk offered updates on the following:

- Oakland Hills road project begins July 12
- Tri-County Regional Planning survey
- POLC Supervisory tentative agreement
- Maintenance has installed the Pollinator Garden in Granger Meadows
- Dymczyk and DeWitt City Administrator Koss hosted regional Administrators
- MBS construction documents phase
- Pickleball site progress update
- Police Department new vehicles purchase
- Police Department recruit interviews
- Gov HR wage study kickoff

Clerk Cramton provided an update on the Westview Motel application for license, and informed the Board that the Treasurer and himself were invited to witness a demonstration of the in-car and body-worn cameras used by the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn 7:44 PM.**

**Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Cramton, Clerk



Rick Galardi, Supervisor