



1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
September 11, 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, Treasurer Sandy Stump, and Trustees David Seeger, Brian Ross, David Fedewa, and Steven Smith.

MEMBERS ABSENT None.

ALSO PRESENT Manager Andrew Dymczyk, Police Chief Matt Merony, Fire Chief Dave DeKorte, and several citizens.

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

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA **Galardi moved, Ross seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda which included the following: Board of Trustees regular meeting draft minutes, August 28, 2023; Board of Trustees Closed Session draft minutes, August 28, 2023; and General Vouchers 76003-76055, Tax Vouchers 9600-9608.**

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION

Doug Steffen, Clinton County Road Commission Doug Steffen, Managing Director of Clinton County Road Commission, presented a summary of the year's activities. The Commission installed 20 miles of asphalt paving on the primary system, 45 miles of chipseal on the primary system, and another 25 miles of chipseal on the local system. Michigan Department of Transportation finished their I-69 project, and will begin a 3-year long project at the 496 and 127 interchange. The new Road Commission building is complete, and demolition of the old building will commence in the next week. The Commission plans on holding an open house in coordination with the Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting this fall. The Commission is currently working with EGLE on restrictions placed on brine application. The Commission has received \$13.5M in grant funds from the State for the Chandler Road and DeWitt Road projects. The Webb Road sidewalk project is underway, and the Township Hall parking lot project will begin soon. This year the Commission had some difficulty sourcing gravel for projects, and they have committed to placing their orders earlier next year. Director Steffens appreciates the good working relationship that exists with DeWitt Township, and the feeling was reciprocated by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT Clinton County Commissioner, Ken Mitchell, provided his written update. Along with a list of accomplishments since being elected, he provided the following list of his 2023 committee assignments for the Commission:

- Public Safety Committee-Chair
- Ways and Means Committee
- Human Resources Committee
- Infrastructure Committee
- Capitol Council of Governments (CAPGOG)
- Central Dispatch Board
- Clinton County Post Retirement Trust
- Community Corrections Advisory Board- Chair
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership
- Local Correctional Officer Advisory Board- Michigan Sheriff's Association
- Local Emergency Planning
- Michigan Association of Counties-Board Member
- Michigan State 911 Committee
- Clinton Career Network

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Regional Planning Initiatives; Clinton County Drain Commission Notice to Property Owners; Clinton County Drain Commission Notice of Apportionments; 2023 Clinton County Free For Fall Collection Event; Consumers Energy Notices to Electric and Gas Customers; Michigan Recycling Coalition Mid-Michigan Region Meeting; and Electronics Recycling and Coat Collection.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2023-09-12 The Clinton County Board of Commissioners has adopted an Amendment to the County's Amendment to Clinton Part 115 Solid Waste Management Plan.

County Solid Waste Management Plan

The amendment contains two parts.

- 1) It adds one county from which the Granger Landfill may import solid waste into its Clinton County landfill facilities - Branch County. As is typical in this type of situation, the Amendment also authorizes the reciprocal export of Clinton County solid waste to those Counties. The annual cap has not changed, and thus, this Amendment request is unlikely to materially alter the expected life of the Clinton County facilities or the burden on supporting infrastructure. What it does do is more accurately reflect Granger's current market.
- 2) It changes the total area sited for use at the Grand River Landfill to include the closed, but licensed portion, of the landfill. It should be noted that this part of the amendment request will take years to complete and includes state agency reviews, site plan approval at the county level, public comment periods, and engineering to protect the closed portion of the existing landfill. Granger has provided a Frequently Asked Questions document, which is included in this packet. In all other respects the Solid Waste Management Plan is not changing.

Part 115 requires 67% of the municipalities to approve any Amendment. Clinton County is asking for DeWitt Charter Township's review and approval.

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to approve Resolution 2023-09-12, approving the proposed Plan Amendment to the Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan.

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

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2023-09-13
Tri-County Hazard
Mitigation Plan

Many communities combined efforts over the past year to update the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan must be updated every five years, and this updated version has recently been accepted and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). An approved hazard mitigation plan makes the Tri-County Region, and its communities, eligible for a variety of federal hazard mitigation grant programs and opportunities.

The Michigan Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division's (EMHSD) Hazard Mitigation Team can assist in identifying opportunities as they arise. Key programs that could benefit the Region are the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMA) program and the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program; all provide opportunities to apply for hazard mitigation funding to support hazard mitigation projects identified in the hazard mitigation plan.

Clinton County has adopted this most recent version of the plan and now it is up to other jurisdictions within the county to decide if they also want to adopt the plan. According to MSP EMHSD, the following jurisdictions within Clinton County are considered "participating jurisdictions" and can adopt the updated plan as is:

- Dallas Township
- DeWitt Township
- Olive Township
- Riley Township
- Victor Township
- Watertown Township

Trustee Smith requested more time to review the plan, due to its length, as well as requesting an opportunity to have a few questions answered. Clerk Cramton will facilitate communications between Trustee Smith and Tom Helms, Emergency Management Director of the Clinton County Sheriff's Office. If deemed necessary, the Board could request Mr. Helms to attend the next Board meeting for discussion and possible action.

Trustee Ross, likewise, would appreciate more time to review the plan.

Smith moved, Ross seconded, postpone approval of Resolution 2023-09-13 adopting the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties, 2023 update, until the Board meeting on September 25, 2023.

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

NAYS: Seeger.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried.

EXTENDED PUBLIC, STAFF, & BOARD COMMENTS Fire Chief Dave DeKorte reported that the Fire Department was quite busy over Labor Day Weekend, responding to 20 calls. Chief DeKorte is participating in Active Violence Incident (AVI) training at DeWitt High School for the freshman class.

Police Chief Matt Merony is conducting several AVI trainings. The part-time School Resource Officer at the Blended Learning Academy is now in place. The Tri-County area received a grant for \$720,000 that will be used to purchase AVI kits for classrooms and patrol cars, as well as breach kits for patrol cars. Second interviews for an officer position will take place tomorrow. Chief Merony has completed one year in service with the Township and appreciates how well the Department coordinates and cooperates with other agencies. Lastly, sergeant Wes Greenman has retired after 24 years.

Manager Andrew Dymczyk provided updates on the following:

- Fire Department equipment grant funds have been received
- Non-supervisory negotiations are ongoing
- Police Department new hire interviews tomorrow
- GovHR Wage Study compiling and reviewing data
- Capital Region Airport Authority master plan
- Renewable energy legislation
- Draft 2024 Budget has been distributed to Trustees

Treasurer Stump reminded the Board that the summer tax deadline is September 14.

Clerk Cramton provided an update on the Salary Compensation Commission; the first meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2023. The manufacturer of the elections ballot tabulators for Clinton County, Hart Intercivic, will be on site tomorrow to perform maintenance on the Township machines, as well as those from several other jurisdictions. Tomorrow afternoon, there will be an open house in the Board Room, and a meeting of all Clinton County Clerks to review Clerk Cramton's proposed layout for the Clinton County Early Voting site at DeWitt Township. DeWitt Township will be utilizing its facilities and resources to coordinate the site as one of two locations at which all voters in Clinton County can cast their ballots for 9 days prior to election day. The other site will be coordinated in Bingham Township. Hart Intercivic will also be demonstrating the Verity Print device which will enable the on-demand printing of any ballot in Clinton County, alleviating the need to stockpile thousands of ballots in dozens of ballot-styles for every jurisdiction. The level of cooperation between Clinton County and the local Clerks is seemingly unique, and is much appreciated by all who are endeavoring to implement the raft of elections changes brought forth by proposal 2-22.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn 7:54 PM.**

Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Adam Cramton, Clerk



Rick Galardi, Supervisor