

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2007

The regular meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees: Max Calder, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Interim Manager/Planning Director Jeffrey Gray, DARA Director Staci Leyko, and several citizens.

AGENDA	Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.
MINUTES	Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Special Meeting and the January 22, 2007 Regular Meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
PRESENTATION DARA 2006 Annual Report	Staci Leyko presented and reviewed the DARA 2006 Annual Report. Board members commended Leyko on the DARA growth and overall success.
CORRESPONDENCE	Correspondence included the following: a thank you card from employees; January Activity Reports; MTA Legislative Alert; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Declaratory Judgment regarding Phase II Regulations; information from the Government Affairs Committee of the Greater Lansing Board of Realtors; meeting schedule of the Clinton County Board of Commissioners; request for METRO contribution from Sheriff Kangas; lineup change notice from Comcast; memo from Administrative Assistant Julie Coleman regarding delayed payroll checks; and Manager search packets for February 15 th Special meeting. It was discussed that there is not sufficient money from drug forfeiture to make the METRO contribution. In response to Board questions, Interim Manager Gray stated that we will work with the Township Attorney to determine our course of action relating to Phase II requirements in light of recent court decisions.
REPORTS & COMMENTS	Supervisor Galardi and Greater Lansing Board of Realtors representative Loretta Spinrad reviewed the happenings of a recent meeting attended by Interim Manager Gray and hosted by the Government Affairs Committee/Greater Lansing Board of Realtors. They reviewed the objectives of the Committee's desire to work with local and state government.

Treasurer Daggy stated that she has been impressed with the employee teamwork during our recent building crisis. She noted that tax deadline passed with collections being accomplished through internet service (BS&A) while the Township computer system is down.

Trustee Ross stated that he will participate in scheduling attendance at the Clinton County Commissioner's meetings. Trustee Seeger indicated that he will rotate in on attendance also.

Interim Manager Gray reported that at approximately 3:00 a.m. in the morning of Thursday, February 8th, an overhead 2" sprinkler line broke above the mechanical room causing considerable water to enter our building. He noted that further damage was averted by the quick response of our Fire Department, who was first on the scene, even remaining to assist even after his arrival. He commended staff for their cooperation and recognized the quick response by the restoration company and insurance carrier. He explained the extent of the damage known to date, specifically to the computer file server. 1) the building was closed Thursday and Friday, with no public served 2) he continues to work with the insurance carrier to resolve issues and define the scope of our claim 3) with this major break to our sprinkler system, and the third incident in the six years since we have occupied the facility, there is a question of how much confidence we can have in this system, so the insurance carrier has sent an engineer to assist the Township and has authorized a third party to inspect the entire sprinkler system 4) hundreds of boxes of records have been removed from our facility, both dry records and wet records 5) the clean up and restoration process continues.

Interim Manager Gray also reported meeting with Dave Ivan, MSU Extension, who is leading the effort for the Clinton County Economic Development Task Force. He provided a status update of what the task force has accomplished, which includes a financial commitment from Clinton County of \$50,000 each year for three years, to ultimately create a public/private partnership to establish an economic development organization within Clinton County. He will keep the Board updated on this effort.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 51380 – 51432, Tax Fund Vouchers 6635 – 6645, and electronic transfers Jan 1 – 3. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SUP05-990008

Major/Minor

Amendment

None.

Interim Manager Gray review the staff report dated February 9, 2007, for a major or minor amendment designation for Special Use permit 05-990008. There was discussion on the issue relative to the ordinance requirements.

Mosier moved, Calder seconded, to concur with staff's finding that the request to construct a tennis court constitutes a major amendment to Special Use Permit 05-990008, and the applicant shall be advised that such an amendment will require application for a new Special Use permit, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7.22A of the Zoning Ordinance. Motion voted and carried.

BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Seeger indicated that his term on the Solid Waste Council has expired and he desires to be reappointed.

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Ross moved, Calder seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's recommendation to reappoint David Seeger to the Clinton County Solid Waste Council. Motion voted and carried.

Chief Russell stated that he is working on issues that involve staffing.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor