

**DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**June 25, 2007**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Max Calder, Steve Musselman, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi and Trustee Brian Ross

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Planning Director Jeffrey Gray, Fire Chief Frederick Koos and several citizens.

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| AGENDA                | <b>Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.</b>   |
| MINUTES               | <b>Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 meeting, as presented. Motion voted and carried.</b>   |
| PUBLIC COMMENT        | None.   |
| CORRESPONDENCE        | <p>Correspondence included the following: May statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office; three sidewalk requests from Cadgewith Farms residents; legislative update from Congressman Rogers office; dues and event update from MTA; information regarding the Township's insurance claim for water damage from MMRMA Attorney James Mellon; 425 payment information from Assessor Tafelsky; 2008 Budget Calendar; Clinton County Farms Services Agency Newsletter; and a letter from Marshall Mee regarding vandalism in Padgett Park.</p> <p>Trustee Calder asked for clarification on the letter from Attorney Mellon, Taylor explained that the Township insurance carrier, MMRMA, may seek reimbursement through the courts from specific contractors relating to the Township Hall water damage incident and subsequent claim.</p> <p>Manager Taylor explained that the 425 Agreement information from Assessor Tafelsky was provided in response to a request from Supervisor Galardi.</p> <p>Clerk Mosier stated that the residents of Cadgewith Farms are hoping for a response to their request for a sidewalk to connect with Granger Meadows Park. She indicated that although this will be considered next year with the sidewalk evaluation, she believes these residents would like a response that does not require them to wait years to see the sidewalk installation.</p> |
| REPORTS &<br>COMMENTS | Manager Taylor reported the following: issues continue with Lochinvar Estates and Willow Creek Farms; the legislative meeting hosted by St. Johns was held last Friday with three State legislators represented; he will continue   |

to meet with Tri-County's Urban/Rural Service District Committee (coalition of tri-county governments) which is committed to promoting the creation of urban service boundaries to enhance the redevelopment of existing urbanized areas, to protect rural resources and to encourage joint efforts, shared services, and costs between two or more communities, where appropriate; discussions continue with the Fire Regionalization Committee, currently investigating joint purchasing for supplies; the Health Coalition continues to meet, with a current investigation focused on Health Savings Accounts in conjunction with a high deductible health care option; initial review for 2007 budget estimates has determined that a number of line items will need adjustments, such as utilities, and further investigation is underway; he has now purchased a home within the Township.

COMMITTEES &  
COMMISSIONS  
Planning Commission

Planning Director Gray reviewed the Planning Commission minutes of their June 4, 2007 meeting.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to receive and place on file the minutes of the June 4, 2007, Planning Commission meeting. Motion voted and carried.**

VOUCHERS

**Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve General Fund Operating Vouchers 52075 – 52135. Motion voted and carried.**

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS  
SUP 06-990002  
MacKenzie

Planning Director Gray reviewed his staff report, dated June 18, 2007, regarding a renewal request for Special Use Permit 06-990002, a fill operation to place excess spoil material on property at 15620 US-127BR by applicant E.T. MacKenzie.

Ron Clark with E.T. MacKenzie was present and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, that Special Use Permit 06-990002, allowing a fill operation to place excess spoil material on property at 15620 S. US-127BR, be renewed for one (1) year to end on July 24, 2008. Motion voted and carried.**

SUP 07-990003  
Motz Development

Planning Director Gray reviewed his memo, dated June 18, 2007, regarding Special Use Permit 07-990003, applicant Motz Development, proposing the construction of a tennis court for the use of the residents of the future Crowner Farms Subdivision.

He pointed out that the Board previously approved a Special Use Permit for a community building and swimming pool, and with the determination that a tennis court would be a major amendment to that permit, this application for an additional Special Use Permit was received.

Tom Magsig with Motz Development was present and offered to answer any questions from the Board.

Trustee Musselman pointed out to the applicant that regulations regarding the tennis court will fall to the developer and ultimately to the homeowners association for Crowner Farms.

**Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve, as recommended by the**

**Planning Commission, Special Use Permit 07-990003 from Motz Development, Inc. based on the plans received on April 17, 2007, on the following basis: 1)the proposed tennis court has been designed in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.13.2 of the Zoning Ordinance 2)upon compliance with the conditions of the Special Use Permit, the plan will comply with the site plan review standards listed in the Zoning Ordinance 3)the standards of the Basis for Determination listed in Section 7.6 (1) of the Zoning Ordinance have been met. Motion voted and carried.**

Ord. Amd. 60.71  
First Reading

Planning Director Gray reviewed his staff report, dated May 31, 2007, explaining the rationale for proposed Ordinance Amendment 60.71. He indicated that the amendment will bring the Township into compliance with the most recent changes in State statute and includes an overall update of the ordinance.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve, on First Reading, Ordinance Amendment 60.71.**

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

Election Inspector  
Pay

Clerk Mosier explained her memo, dated June 21, 2007, proposing an increase to election inspector pay.

**Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to raise election inspector hourly pay to \$9.83 for Chairpersons, and \$8.23 for Inspectors, effective July 1, 2007. Motion voted and carried.**

Resignation/Schlegel  
Board of Appeals

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Shannon Schlegel, from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion voted and carried.**

Ord 257/Fire Lane  
Enforcement/First  
Reading

Fire Chief Koos explained the need to have the ability to enforce parking restrictions in designated fire lanes within the Township.

Trustee Calder questioned whether off-duty volunteer fire fighters will be able to issue citations. Chief Koos will handle this issue.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Fire Lane Enforcement Ordinance 257 on First Reading.**

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

COMMENTS

Trustee Seeger reported that on July 15<sup>th</sup> the Clinton County Farm Bureau is planning a Rural/Urban Tour where farmers promote their industry. This year's tour will include the Zeeb and Keilen Farms. He will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Trustee Musselman reminded the Board of tomorrow's classic car show and movie in the park.

Clerk Mosier reminded the Board that the Meadows Celebration is July 20<sup>th</sup>

and volunteers are needed.

Planning Director Gray reported the following: Attorney Robinson has determined that the signs within Willow Creek Farms are protected by First Amendment rights; he noted that he continues to participate in the Clinton County Economic Alliance where he was recently appointed Chair of the Clinton Sites Database Committee, and the group will be making a presentation soon to local municipalities to seek funding.

Manager Taylor reported that he will be on vacation the remainder of the week.

Chief Koos reported that our Fire Department will be participating in the funeral for the Clinton Area Fire & Rescue firefighter who recently suffered a heart attack while fighting a fire. He also reported that our training unit is schedule for delivery on, or about, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Koos reported that at a recent fatal accident on I-69, a representative from MDOT was at the scene and commented that they would not be taking over the scene control because our emergency personnel were doing an excellent job. Koos stated that his department takes pride in their traffic management.

ADJOURNMENT

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor