

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 11, 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, Trustees: Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Planning Director Jeffrey Gray, Deputy Clerk Judy Martiny, Clinton County Commissioners Bob Showers and Eileen Heideman, Township Engineer Gary Arnold, President of DeWitt Public Library Board Wayne Summers, Township Representative on DeWitt Public Library Board Gale Arent, and Police Chief Brian Russell.

AGENDA	Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion voted and carried.
MINUTES	Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2007 Regular meeting and Executive Session. Motion voted and carried.
PUBLIC COMMENT	None.
PRESENTATION DeWitt Public Library	<p>Wayne Summers, President of the DeWitt Public Library Board reviewed four (4) different elevation plans for the proposed new library, pointing out that all four options have the same base unit, with various other amenities adding to the size and use, ranging from 31,000 square foot (exclusive of the 7,000 square foot cultural center) to 21,000 square foot minimal space.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion followed regarding the interior and exterior design of the building, exterior materials, window lighting, high ceiling entry area, the incorporation of comments and requests from the visioning meetings and proposed costs and funding. Summers advised the Board that there will be another public forum on July 18, 2007, for public review and input on the four options proposed.</p>
CORRESPONDENCE	<p>Correspondence included the following: Copy of 2006 DARA Audit; letter from Willow Creek Farms Association thanking the Board for their part in the relocation of the street light which is adjacent to the northeast corner of the subdivision; May Activity Report; letter from Comcast regarding pricing changes for residential customers; Fire Department's "Burning Issues" newsletter.</p> <p>Trustee Musselman offered positive comments regarding DARA and congratulated them on their great audit and the responsibilities that they have assumed.</p>

Musselman moved, seconded by Calder, that the Township Manager and Supervisor transmit a letter to the DARA organization commending them on the outstanding results of their audit and all the good work they are doing for the community. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

County Commissioner Eileen Heideman advised the Board that the Commissioners voted 4-3 to return their meeting times to 9 a.m., as of July, 2007, rather than having evening meetings as they have had the last five months; the commissioners are now working on sustainability within the county, basically looking at green issues and how to save energy and how to promote more green space making Clinton County a better place to live; Fred Meijer has requested that the Rails to Trails be named after him.

Supervisor Galardi asked that the Board members take a look at an Economic Development Marketing Package, after tonight's meeting, which shows some pilot properties and how the Township might promote them in the market place. A meeting has been scheduled with DeWitt City officials to discuss community issues of mutual interests.

Manager Taylor reported the following: citizen contacts included a gentleman calling about a potential opportunity that he perceived in doing a large scale data center in place of other developments with nothing ever coming out of that conversation; working on SCCMUA budget for 2008; MMRMA came out and provided some insight on measures that can be taken to slow down individuals on certain portions of the sledding hill which is utilized by small children; the Clinton County Economic Alliance will soon be making public presentations regarding their mission and their proposed funding.

Planning Director Jeff Gray stated that the fund raising committee is going to be contacting the local units of government in the very near future, hoping to fund the group 50% government and 50% private sector.

Loretta Spinrad, Operations Committee of Clinton County Economics Alliance Board, briefed the Board on the proposal that the Alliance will be presenting to the various jurisdictions; she advised that they are looking at a \$260,000 a year budget and plan on locating somewhere in DeWitt Township, on U.S. Highway 127, Business Route, north of I-69. The business plan will be presented to the Board soon.

Manager Taylor reported with regard to the DEQ, Phase II Storm Water Management that it looks like they are going to try to disallow our opting out; the Library Satellite at the Community Center is coming along nicely with carpet, painting and construction work scheduled to be completed this week; the Assessing Office and Clerk have received word that Meijer's is going to be appealing their assessment to the State Tribunal, which was expected as they do this statewide; Chief Russell, Planning Director Gray, Clerk Mosier and himself met with MDOT relative to several issues, 1) traffic signals at the intersection of Business 127 and Webb Road and MDOT states that after studying this intersection their numbers do not indicate that a light is warranted at this time, 2) timing of lights at Herbison Road, two on-ramps to the expressway and Clark Road all intersecting with U.S. 127 Business Route, the inconsistency of the same and MDOT looking into adjusting the timing according to each intersection, 3) speed limits are reviewed periodically by both MDOT and the Michigan State Police and also upon request from the

local jurisdictions 4) the federal government required MDOT to adjust the name of what is no longer called "Business Route 27" or otherwise known to some as "U.S. Highway 27" or "North East Street" as it is now "U.S. 127 Business Route" and given that new name because it is considered a business loop of U.S. 127 and Clerk Mosier has concerns about the lack of notification to the property owners within this area regarding their street name change and asked MDOT to advise the Township on how this is going to be handled; Springbrook Hills is tentatively scheduled to be paved June 20th and 21st, dependent on weather conditions; On June 22nd the City of St. Johns will be hosting a meeting to bring in our State Legislators, along with city, village and Township officials to discuss topics of concern regarding local government; Taylor concluded his report by reminding the Board of the Celebration in the Meadows which is coming up on July 20th.

COMMITTEE &
COMMISSIONS
Board of Appeals

Trustee Seeger reviewed the Board of Appeals minutes of May 16, 2007 meeting.

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to receive and place on file the Board of Appeals minutes of May 16, 2007. Motion voted and carried.

VOUCHERS

Calder moved, Daggy seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 51992 – 52074. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
Ordinance Amendment
225.4 – Second Reading

Manager Taylor gave a brief recap of proposed Ordinance Amendment 225.4 to DeWitt Charter Township Sidewalk Ordinance 225.

Calder moved, Musselman seconded, to approve Ordinance Amendment 225.4, amending the Sidewalk Ordinance, on Second Reading.

AYES: Daggy, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman, Ross, Calder

NAYS: None Motion voted and carried.

NEW BUSINESS
Community Center
Kitchen/Restroom
Remodel

Manager Taylor reviewed his memorandum, dated June 8, 2007, regarding the remodeling of the kitchen and adding a family restroom at the Community Center which is on the list of CIP projects to be completed this year. He advised that he and Maintenance Supervisor John Moody consulted with the Township's Engineer Gary Arnold for assistance on this project and they have submitted necessary designs and bid documents for the construction. C2AE's cost for this service is a lump sum fee of \$11, 850.

Gary Arnold, Engineer with C2AE, advised that he will be bringing in a kitchen designer out of Grand Rapids for his expertise to insure that the kitchen is designed within the Township's expected desires. He stated that the kitchen at the Community Center was designed in the 1940's and is in real need of upgrading. There is a need for electrical, mechanical and plumbing upgrades for code compliance and the floor is in very bad shape. Basically the whole kitchen needs extensive upgrading.

Discussion followed.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk and Manager to execute any necessary documents with the engineering firm C2AE for professional services related to the kitchen and restroom remodel at the DeWitt Township Community Center, located at 16101

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Brook Road, the cost for these services not to exceed \$11,850, charged to Community Center Capital Expenditures account 101-263-977-000. Motion voted and carried.

Water Tower Inspection

Manager Taylor reviewed his memorandum, dated June 8, 2007, regarding the recent water tower inspection which was completed by Nelson Tank Engineering & Consulting. Taylor reviewed the report submitted by NTEC which included the recommendation that the interior and exterior be painted and some other minor structural repairs be made with the conclusion that, overall, the tank is in good to fair condition at this time. NTEC further advised, however, that if the Township is going to keep the tower, periodic maintenance is important for safety. Taylor reviewed NTEC's submittal of a proactive repair and maintenance program and the costs associated with the same.

Lengthy discussion followed and no action was taken.

Fireworks Display Permit

Musselman moved, Calder seconded, that the Board of Trustees approve the permit for fireworks display on July 20, 2007 at Granger Meadows Park. Motion voted and carried.

Budget Adjustment -
Mobile Training Unit

Manager Taylor reviewed his memorandum, dated May 8, 2007, regarding the need for a budget adjustment for the purchase of a Mobile Fire Training Unit. This unit is being purchased with a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security in the amount of \$292,745 with the federal share being \$278,108 and the Township share being \$14,637. A budget adjustment was made at the March 12, 2007 Board meeting in the amount of \$14,637, however, because we must pay for the total cost of the Fire Training Unit before being reimbursed by the federal government, it is necessary to do a budget adjustment for the additional \$278,108.

Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, that the Board approve the following budget adjustment to the 2007 Township Budget:

**Increase 101-336-977-000 \$278,108 (debit)
Fire Department Capital Expenditure**

**Increase 101-000-629-000 \$278,108 (credit)
Fire Equipment Grant**

Motion voted and carried.

Determination of Major
Or Minor Amendment -
SUP 80-005-94
Fairway Investment

Planning Director Jeff Gray briefly reviewed his memorandum, dated June 6, 2007, regarding the determination of a major or minor amendment being proposed for Special Use Permit 80-005-94 (Fairway Investment Corp) to allow a three year extension to the construction schedule of an 18-hole golf course and driving range on the west side of Wood Road, between Clark and Stoll Roads.

Musselman moved, Calder supported, that the Township Board concur with the finding that the proposed amendment to the construction schedule for SUP 80-005-94 is minor in nature, and that a three-year extension to end on June 11, 2010 be granted and noted on the original Special Use Permit. Motion voted and carried.

Employee Appreciation -
Set Date

Supervisor Galardi reviewed Clerk Mosier's memo, dated June 8, 2007, relative to the Township Board hosting an employee appreciation event and setting up the date and place for the same.

Galardi moved, Musselman seconded, that the Employee Appreciation Event be held on Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. at Valley Farms Park, hosted by the Township Board. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/
BOARD COMMENTS
ADJOURNMENT

None.

Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary