

Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to close the Public Hearing on the Annual Assessment of Streetlighting Districts. Motion voted and carried.

Calder moved, Musselman seconded, to adopt Resolutions 070908 through 070951, authorizing the annual assessment of streetlighting districts within DeWitt Charter Township.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cheri Hodges, 13160 Primrose Lane, Heritage Glen Subdivision, stated that they have been working with Assistant Planner Harmony Gmazel for quite a long time in trying to get the sidewalks in Heritage Glen finished and nothing has been done and they have also gone to the developer and tried to encourage him to get the sidewalks finished and he, too, has been stalling. The unfinished sidewalks have become a public nuisance and health and safety issue for those in the subdivision and it is also cutting down on the value of the existing dwellings when you do not have a completed look to the subdivision.

Supervisor Galardi advised Mrs. Hodges that this issue is on the agenda under correspondence.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included the following: Memorandum, dated September 7, 2007, from Planning Director Jeff Gray regarding the South Central Area Plan; Memorandum from Planning Director Jeff Gray regarding Subdivision Sidewalk Requirements; Clinton County Drain Commissioner Notice of Review of Apportionments; Clinton County Officers Association September 19, 2007 meeting notice; Clinton County Officers Association April 18, 2007 meeting minutes; Fire Department Newsletter "Burning Issues"; August Activity Report; Memorandum from Erma Linn, Michigan Township Association Legislative Department regarding Revenue Sharing Information.

Planning Director Jeff Gray reviewed his memorandum, dated September 7, 2007, regarding Subdivision Sidewalk Requirements within the Subdivision Control Ordinance and his involvement over the last approximate 16 months with residents and the developer of Heritage Glen, Heritage Meadows and Heritage Woods subdivision relative to the lack of sidewalks having been installed on a number of lots in the development that have not been built upon, leaving significant gaps in the sidewalk system. He stated that the purpose of his memorandum was to update the Board on the sidewalk issue and to seek input from the Board on the same. He also submitted copies of a proposal provided by the developer for the installation of some portions of sidewalks within the Heritage Glen Subdivision and reviewed said proposal.

Discussion on the developer's proposal followed.

Karima Esmail, 13200 Primrose Lane, stated that she totally understands that the developer should not be required to put sidewalks in where houses aren't going in yet, however, in an area where the majority of lots have been built on something needs to be done and the sidewalk paths completed.

Cheri Hodges, speaking on behalf of an informal group who reside within Heritage Glen Subdivision, stated that she feels that if the developer said he had the money up front for the installation of these sidewalks, he should be required to finish up the areas that have been in existence. Lengthy discussion of the Board followed.

It was the consensus of the Board that staff should continue discussions with the developer of the subdivisions to try to come to an agreement for the developer to install a sufficient amount of sidewalks to address public safety concerns in the neighborhood. The Board also requested that Planning Director Gray report back to the Board at their September 24th meeting.

Planning Director Gray advised the Board that the Planning Consultant hired to complete the South Central Area Plan has gathered data and is now prepared to meet with the Planning Commission and Township Board. He also advised the Board that the consultant will be meeting with the Planning Commission at their October 1st meeting and invited Board members to attend. There was discussion about the need to set up workshops in reference to the South Central Area Plan, and the need to post these scheduled workshops if it is the intent that a quorum of the Board be present.

REPORTS

County Commissioner Robert Showers updated the Board on various county issues.

Clerk Mosier updated the Board on the status of the November 6th Lansing School District and Lansing Community College election, pointing out that pictured identification is now required from all electors; there will be a Primary Election on January 15th, 2008 and the real challenge at that election will be that the electors will be required to ask for a specific Republican or Democratic ballot and we anticipate that there will be some dissension from the electors in having to do that; there will be 4 elections in 2008.

Treasurer Daggy reported that her office has had a lot of activity with the processing of the summer tax payments, with this Friday the 14th being the Summer Tax payment due date; sewer bills will be going out on the 14th of this month.

Manager Taylor reported that a silent auction took place this past week and the retired Township Police Patrol car sold for \$2,717; SCCMUA was broken into last week with many tools and a truck were stolen, the truck was located a short distance from the plant and many of the tools have also been returned; MMRMA has been investigating the February water break and they have indicated that they are going to be bringing a lawsuit against the original installer of the sprinkler system; Mike Davis Construction is showing an interest in putting a Family Dollar store at a site on Grand River Avenue, in the southwest area of the Township, and he has been talking with the City of Lansing about getting an intergovernmental sewer agreement for the site and they are not interested in doing that so he is now working with C2AE in bringing sewer from Watertown Township; the sledding hill reconstruction is now about 90% completed with the changes being fairly substantial and safety will be greatly improved for those using the hill; the plans for the remodeling of the kitchen, restrooms and the janitorial closet at the Community Center have been received; the RFP is expected yet this week with bids returning sometime next month; he updated the Board on a number of legislations that are in the works; the roof leak at the Community Center has been fixed; direct deposit of payroll checks has been implemented and 12 employees have signed up.

COMMITTEES

None.

VOUCHERS

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 52478 – 52537 and Tax Fund Vouchers 6726 – 6735. Motion voted and carried.

UNFINISHED

BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Stabilization

Fund

None.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve funding the Budget Stabilization Fund by moving \$130,090 from the General Fund Balance to the Budget Stabilization Fund based on 2002-2006 expenditures. Motion voted and carried.

2008 Proposed Budget

And Capital

Improvement

Plan-Set Public Hearing

Calder moved, Mosier seconded, to set the public hearing for the Proposed 2008 Township Budget for October 8, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Loretta Spinrad, Township resident and local realtor, voiced concern about developers installation and maintenance of sidewalks on vacant lots within subdivisions from the aspect of public safety.

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor

Prepared by Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk