

**DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**1401 W. Herbison Rd. DeWitt, MI**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**April 27, 2009**

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, Trustees: Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Community Development Director (CDD) Richard Trent, Police Chief Brian Russell, Planning Commission Members Keilen, Zimmerman, Dailey, and Tim Fair, and several citizens.

No audio recording of this meeting was available.

AGENDA                    **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

MINUTES                    **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 Regular meeting, with the correction that County Commissioner Heideman was not present. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT                    None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER                    None present.

CORRESPONDENCE                    Correspondence included the following: a memo from the Clerk and Treasurer regarding employee recognition; thank you from Deb Saylor; BWL/Granger Open House Invitation; CCRC invitation – retirement Open House for Patricia Wysong; March Activity report from the Police Department; a drain work notice for the Balduf and Lietzke Drains; Clinton Transit Millage Renewal Fact sheet; 2009 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Real Estate Market Report; labor statistics from the Michigan Department of Energy.

COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS                    Trustee Ross reviewed the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 6, 2009.  
Planning Comm

**Ross moved, Calder seconded, to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of April 6, 2009. Motion voted and carried.**

UNFINISHED BUS                    None.

NEW BUSINESS CDD Rich Trent reviewed the memo dated April 23, 2009, providing a summary of the Planning Commission consideration of the request from Consumers Energy, Special Use Permit 09-990001 for the expansion of a public service installation at 13603 S. Turner Road.

SUP 09-990001  
Consumers Energy

Chris Thelen, Consumers Energy Area Manager, answered questions relative to the project.

**Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Special Use permit 09-990001 from Consumers Energy for the expansion of a public service installation at 13603 S. Turner Road, on the following basis: 1)the proposed public service installation has been designed in accordance with the requirements of Section 7.13.1(c) of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance as represented by the site plan document submitted 2)the standards for the Basis for Determination listed in Section 7.4.3 of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance have been met. Motion voted and carried.**

Database License Agmt CDD Trent outlined his proposal in a memo dated April 24, 2009 for the Database License Agreement with Clinton County for the 2009 GIS Parcel Layer.

**Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to direct the Clerk to execute the Database License Agreement for the 2009 GIS Parcel Layer, and forward the document on to Clinton County for acceptance. Motion voted and carried.**

Apparatus Committee **Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to concur with the Supervisor's appointment of Rodney Taylor, John Lance, Frederick Koos, Ed North, David Fedewa, Doug Bowers, and Chris Haman to the Apparatus Committee for the Pumper/Tanker investigation.**

Trustee Seeger stated that he would like to see the Public Safety Committee be involved in this process, possibly through representative appointments. Supervisor Galardi agreed and requested that Trustee Seeger make some contacts and the Board could delay appointment until that process has been accomplished.

**Mosier moved, Galardi seconded, to table the motion to make appointments to the Apparatus Committee. Motion voted and carried.**

Facility Use Policy Manager Taylor explained the proposed changes to the Facility Use Policy relative to facility rentals.

**Daggy moved, Calder seconded, to approve the facility use policy, as presented. Motion voted and carried.**

Salary Compensation  
Commission

Manager Taylor provided information, as previously requested by the Board, regarding the Township's use of a Salary Compensation to establish salaries for

elected officials. The Township's Ordinance and information from the Michigan Townships Association was reviewed and discussed.

No change to the current structure was made.

**PRESENTATION** Dr. Eric Scorsone of Michigan State University provided a presentation on the state of the economy, specifically in Michigan. Although the projection is not good, he stressed that preparation and awareness will be most effective in getting local governments through these challenging times. He thanked Manager Taylor for the opportunity to address the Board.

**VOUCHERS** **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve General Operating Fund Vouchers 55322 – 55447. Motion voted and carried.**

**REPORTS** Fire Chief Koos reported that he has been asked to serve on a DEQ Committee to deal with burning in trash barrels within the State. He also provided some information regarding stimulus dollars as they relate to fire apparatus.

CDD Trent reported that he and Manager Taylor met with representatives from Auto-Owners prior to their announcement reporting their purchase of the BCBS 132 acre property South of 496. He stated that this announcement just demonstrates Auto-Owners continued commitment to the region, whether it be purchasing property in Delta Charter Township or DeWitt Charter Township. He stated that Auto-Owners Insurance Company has strategically laid the foundation for investment in both communities while ultimately benefiting the whole region.

Manager Taylor updated the Board on progress of the Codification project, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan citizen input phase and property issues near the Township's Wood/Round Lake road property. He also reported that he and local managers will be meeting periodically with State Legislators regarding issues important to local government.

**EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**ADJOURNMENT** **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor