

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
March 25, 2013 Board Minutes

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, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Police Officer Jim Terrill, Detective Sergeant Mark Nelson, Police Officer Bill Darnell, Police Officer Kyle Kolka, Firefighter Craig King, Planning Chair Bruce Keilen, DARA Director Clay summers, County Commissioner Robert Showers and several citizens.

AGENDA **Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Agenda, removing K9 Officer from New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 61284 – 61332; approval of Township Board Minutes of 3/11/13; and receipt of Planning Commission draft minutes of 3/4/13. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC
COMMENT None.

PRESENTATIONS: Police Chief Russell presented Exceptional Service Awards to Officers Darnell, Kolka, and Police Awards Detective Sergeant Mark Nelson, and Unit Citations to Officers Terrill and Greenman, and Detective Sergeant Mark Nelson. Officer Kolka also received a Gallantry Star. All award recipients were present except Officer Greenman who had a previous family commitment. The Board thanked the officers for their dedicated service and fine representation within the community.

DARA Annual DARA Director Clay Summers reviewed the DARA Annual Report, which noted that DARA Report is approaching an important milestone in July when the organization will be 10 years operating.

The following topics were discussed: the participation/revenue contribution percentages; whether DARA will ever be self supporting, noting that while some programs cover their costs with fees, the majority of programs will likely not be self sustaining; the possibility of returning fund balance by percentage of contribution, rather than the spend down approach currently in place; the increased number of sponsorships; the value that a well rounded Recreation program brings to the community.

COUNTY

COMM. REPORT

County Commissioner Showers provided information on County business, including the following: the continuing process to expand the County Park on DeWitt Road, with an additional 200 acres and a 90 acre lake; the County Commissioners continue to review the Road Commission operation and their debt legacy; the County Green Space Coordinator continues to search for property with water access in the southern tier; the combination of the Clerk and Register of Deeds Office is going smoothly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence included the following: February Statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; Activity Report; MMRMA re: Distribution of excess net assets; Clinton County Department of Waste Management regarding the Clean Community Event.

UNFINISHED

None.

BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

SUP 13-990001

Assistant Planner Tory Niewiadomski reviewed his report, dated March 20, 2013, regarding the Planning Commission's consideration of Special Use Permit 13-990001, requested by Theresa Alvarado, for an adult foster care group home to be licensed for the care of up to twenty (20) residents on property located at 11525 Wood Road.

Alvarado Foster Care Facility.

Board members clarified issues and discussed the Planning Commission's recommended action. Also discussed were the possible site improvements that may be required at the Site Plan Review phase of the project, if it moves forward.

Ms. Alvarado explained her plans to expand and indicated that she is aware that she will need to do landscaping and site improvements for the Site Plan Review consideration by the Planning Commission.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve, based on the recommendation from the Planning Commission, Special Use Permit 13-990001 from Theresa Alvarado to operate an adult foster care home licensed for up to twenty (20) residents on the property located at 11525 Wood Road, based on the following basis: 1) Upon compliance with the conditions of the Special Use Permit, the plans will comply with the site plan review standards listed in Article V Division 2 of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance to include review and approval of the final site plan by the DeWitt Charter Township Planning Commission 2) that the standards of the Basis for Determination listed in Section 42-1067 of the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance have been met 3) that the requirements of the DeWitt Charter Township Fire Department, concerning emergency access from Wood Road and fire suppression be addressed during Site Plan Review 4) that the requirements of the Clinton County Road Commission and Clinton County Drain Commission be met 5) that the applicant obtains from the Mid-Michigan District Health Department the appropriate reviews and permits for the on-site sewage disposal system and water well system prior to Final Site Plan approval 6) that the applicant complies with the Land Division Act requirements 7) that the applicant complies with all other reviewing agencies

8)in addition to the conditions mentioned previously, the final site plan documents to be submitted to DeWitt Charter Township shall address Landscaping and Bufferyard requirements listed under Article IX of the Zoning Ordinance as well as Off-Street Parking and Loading requirements listed under Article VII of the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion voted and carried.

Employment
Recommendations

The Board discussed the recommendation from Police Chief Russell and Fire Chief Koos to create and fill a Chaplain position for the Township.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to appoint Chris Carter to the Township's newly created Chaplin position. Motion voted and carried.

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to approve the hiring of Molly Pappas as an at-will, part-time employee, contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physical. Motion voted and carried.

Utility Agmt
DTN Mgt/Quarry
Phase 1

The agreement and Manager Taylor's memo, dated March 22, 1013, were reviewed and discussed.

Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to approve the Utility Agreement with DTN Management Company for The Quarry, Phase 1 development and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Police Chief Russell reported that the Police Department hiring process continues.

Manager Taylor reported the following: a court action proceeds for the cleanup of a property located at 15812 Turner Road; the Art Prize process continues with a local company, Plant Professionals, offering to maintain the landscaping at the site; we continue to work with the City and Bath Township to consolidate building services.

EXTENDED
COMMENTS

Rebecca Stimson, Clark Road, provided a Gunnisonville report update providing the following information: their meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month, with the next meeting to be April 20th.

Supervisor Galardi stated that he believes Gunnisonville will be the pilot area for the new sign identifier project.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor