

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road
DeWitt, MI 48820
April 8, 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: Phyllis Daggy

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioners Jack Enderle and Eileen Heideman, Library Director Jennifer Balcom, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 61333 – 61386; approval of Township Board Minutes of 3/25/13. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATIONS: Library Director Jennifer Balcom provided an update on the Library's May 7th millage election, and efforts to inform the public about the details of the propositions to appear on the ballot. She answered questions from the Board. The story broadcast by a local news station was also briefly discussed.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT Commissioners Heideman & Enderle provided an update on Clinton County Business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Better Buildings Update; Assessor Tafelsky regarding 2013 Board of Review; Activity Report; CCDC regarding Hawthorne Woods East Drain; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS **Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the hiring of Earl Christensen as a full-time employee for the position of Police Officer, contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physical, psychological test, and complete background check. Motion voted and carried.**
Hire/Police Dept

DNR Mutual Aid Agreement

The memo from Chief Koos noted the last time the Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement between the Michigan DNR – Forest Resources Division and DeWitt Charter Township was approved was 2007. A revised agreement is needed. The changes were reviewed.

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Michigan Department of Natural Resources-Forest Resources Division Cooperative Mutual Aid Fire Control Agreement between said agency and DeWitt Charter Township and authorize the Clerk to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS

Police Chief Russell reported that the Departmental Assistant new hire is on the job.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Business Awards will be held on May 9th from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. with invitations included in this meeting packet; he is working to refinance the bonds (Community Center/Township Hall) to take advantage of savings available; the 504 Pump Station project has received the American Public Works Project of the Year Award; the Community Showcase is this Thursday.

Trustee Balzer reported that the next Gunnisonville Historic Society meeting is April 20th at 9:00 am. She also provided a brief update on the progress of the family barn restoration.

Trustee Seeger reported that the Clinton County Township Officers Association will meet April 17th at Dallas Township.

Clerk Mosier reported that absentee ballots are available for the May 7th election, and the initial mass mailing has been sent. She also noted that there is discussion about a possible special State-wide election for August.

EXTENDED COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor