

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
June 10, 2013 Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Treasurer Daggy at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi and Clerk Diane Mosier

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Aaron Stevens with Abraham & Gaffney P.C.

Treasurer Daggy moved, Ross seconded, that Trustee Musselman conduct the Township Board Meeting in the absence of Supervisor Galardi. Motion voted and carried.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 61587 - 61642; approval of Township Board Minutes of 05/28/13; receive and file the Zoning Board of Appeals draft minutes of 05/15/13; Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC
COMMENT None.

COUNTY
COMM. REPORT None.

PRESENTATION Aaron Stevens, representing Abraham & Gaffney, P.C., Township Auditors, reviewed the 2012 Audit and answered questions from the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Michigan Township Association updates and request for membership renewal for 2013-2014; Comcast Programming and Pricing Update; Activity Report; Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Press Release regarding public workshop to discuss road safety option for Old US 27 within DeWitt Township; "Burning Issues" Fire Department Newsletter.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

PMC/Ordinance/
Violations Bureau
Second Reading Second Reading - Delayed

NEW BUSINESS

Election Insp. Pay Manager Taylor briefly reviewed Clerk Mosier's memo, dated June 7, 2013, which provided an explanation for the requested increase in Election Inspector pay from \$8.60/hour to \$8.77/hour to bring pay in line with the pay scale utilized by the City of DeWitt.

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to increase Election Inspector Pay from \$8.60 per hour to \$8.77 per hour, effective immediately. Motion voted and carried.

CIA Appointment Trustee Musselman reviewed Supervisor Galardi's memo, dated June 7, 2013, regarding the resignation of Roger Dean from the Corridor Improvement Authority and his recommendation for the appointment of Randy Root, owner of Spartan Printing, which is within the Corridor, to fill the vacancy.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, that the Board concur with the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Randy Root to the Corridor Improvement Authority. Motion voted and carried.

CIP Appointments Trustee Musselman reviewed Supervisor Galardi's memo, dated June 7, 2013, relating the need for the appointment of members to the CIP Committee as part of the budget process and provided the names of his recommendations for appointment.

Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, that the Board concur with the Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Trustee David Seeger, Trustee Johanna Balzer, Planning Chairman Bruce Keilen, Maintenance Supervisor John Moody and Manager Rodney Taylor to the CIP Committee. Motion voted and carried.

South Old US 27
Design Contract Manager Taylor briefly updated the Board on the status of the ad-hoc committee known as the South Old US 27 Technical Design Committee, and reviewed his memo, dated June 7, 2013, regarding the same. He advised that, as expected, the Township needs to hire additional traffic and/or engineering services to help evaluate the alternatives along the corridor, provide cost estimates of each option, and work with the committee to provide a final recommendation with basic schematics. The committee received three (3) proposals and is recommending C2AE.

Discussion of the Board followed.

Balzer moved, Daggy seconded, that the Board authorize the Township Clerk to execute the "Business Route US-127 (Old US-27) Corridor Improvement Proposal for Preliminary Engineering Report" with C2AE in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,100. Motion voted and carried.

Government Agency
Right of Refusal
Parcel Listing Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated June 7, 2013, stating that as part of the State tax foreclosure, the Township and the County have the first right of refusal before a parcel is auctioned off. The next auction for the State is August 14, 2013. He provided a list of, and reviewed, those properties within DeWitt Township that are tentatively going to be auctioned off.

Discussion followed on the various parcels listed and their possible value to the Township if the Township owned them.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, that the Board authorize the Township Manager to proceed, and the Township Clerk to execute, any documents for the purchase of the tax foreclosed parcel 050-110-000-007-00 on Sheridan Road in an amount not to exceed \$5,536.97, plus an application fee of \$300, in which the public purpose shall be for additional green space until which time the property is sold, in which the Township agrees to comply with MCL211.78m(1). Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Trustee Ross stated that he will be absent at the June 24, 2013 meeting and requested that he be excused. He also provided an update on the recent business conducted by the Next Michigan Development Corporation.

EXTENDED
PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor