

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
March 12, 2012 Minutes

Supervisor Galardi called the Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Max Calder, Brian Ross and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, and County Commissioner Robert Showers.

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:**

**Board Minutes of 2/27/12 approved; General Fund Vouchers 59675-5974 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7556-7567 approved. Motion voted and carried.**

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

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMM REPORT Commissioner Showers reported the following: a Public Hearing was held to hear comments relating to the possibility of combining the Register of Deeds Office with the County Clerk's Office, arguments were heard from both sides of the issue, and a decision will be made at the upcoming Commission meeting; the Commissioners have elected to delay any action on possibilities for changing the structure of the Road Commission, they will be watching surrounding Counties action on this issue, and he tends to believe that assuming the debt of the Road Commission is not a good idea.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: DeWitt District Library Draft Minutes of 3/8/12; Activity Report; Comcast information regarding XFINITY Signature Support; February 28<sup>th</sup> Presidential Primary Unofficial Township Election Results.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

**NEW BUSINESS**      Manager Taylor's memo, dated March 9, 2012, was reviewed and discussed. His proposal to Grant for Canoe/Kayak Launch apply for a Michigan natural Resource Trust Fund Grant jointly with the City of DeWitt, proposes to install Canoe/Kayak launches at one Township and one City Park. He explained that the initial estimates for the EZ-Launch system have now been replaced with more concrete figures, higher than first anticipated, prompting this discussion prior to the Public Hearing scheduled for the next meeting.

The following topics were discussed: the ability to leverage dollars with the proposed grant application; the continuing erosion that is happening at the Township's Riverfront Park; the concrete headwall that has been partially removed, and will be completely removed with the proposed installation of the accessible transfer system; additional headwall repairs that need to be done; the further deterioration of the dock system, and even without a grant, dollars will be needed in the future to replace, repair, and maintain the dock itself.

The Manager will proceed with the grant application, working with Spicer. Trustee Seeger indicated that he does not want to see the Township proceed with future projects without bidding engineering services. The Board agreed that this situation is distinct.

**EXTENDED  
COMMENTS**

None.

**REPORTS &  
COMMENTS**

Manager Taylor reported the following: Hawthorne Woods East Subdivision has initiated and submitted petitions for sidewalk installation in their subdivision, and he is working with the residents; the proposed Property Maintenance Code that has been drafted is currently on hold due to staffing issues in the Building/Planning Office; based on discussion at the last meeting, he has investigated and determined that 32 hour working schedule does not determine full time employment, that determination is made by the Township's Policy Manual and defined at 40 hours to determine full time status; the Circuit Court has determined that they have no jurisdiction in the Zeeb/Keilen lawsuit; Case Cares has continued to raise money for the Miracle Field and has purchased bleachers, and he is looking for help assembling the bleachers; he has made application to the Delmac Grant Fund for a bike rack to be installed at the Township Hall; Phase II Stormwater program is sponsoring an annual tree sale with specific trees recommended to plant in the watershed, and notices have been sent to property owners along the Looking Glass River.

Treasurer Daggy reported that the Township had a 97% collection rate before turning the delinquent tax roll over to the County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,