

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
July 23, 2012 Minutes

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Rick Galardi, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Max Calder, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Deputy Clerk Judy Martiny, Shannon Rodriguez from Layton & Richardson , P.C., Officers Larry Horn and Bill Darnell and his family, and several citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, correcting the date of the Board Minutes to 6/25/12 and approving the same; General Fund Vouchers 60191 - 60331; June 2012 Investment Report received and placed on file. Motion voted and carried.**

AGENDA **Ross moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Agenda, as corrected under “Consent Agenda” correcting the date of the Board Minutes to June 25, 2012. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATIONS 2011 Audit Shannon Rodriguez, Layton & Richardson, reviewed the 2011 Audit and answered questions from the Board.

**Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to receive and place on file the Township’s 2011 Audit, and authorize its filing with the appropriate agencies. Motion voted and carried.**

Police Dept. Awards Police Chief Brian Russell introduced Officers Larry Horn and Bill Darnell and presented both with “Exceptional Service Awards” for their part in preventing an attempted suicide of a 52 year old woman at a local motel on April 26, 2012. A “Meritorious Service Award” was also presented to Officer Larry Horn for his observation of a suspicious vehicle in Granger Meadows Park on May 23, 2012. Upon approaching the vehicle it became apparent to Officer Horn that a 50 year old woman inside the vehicle was attempting suicide. Officer Horn’s prompt action prevented death and/or injury to this woman.

COUNTY COMM REPORT None present.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Included the following: Building Stronger Communities Council Agency Pledge Form; Clinton County Drain Commissioner Letting of Contract & Review of Apportionments for Big Horn Drain Drainage District; Notice of Hearing for the Electric Customers of Consumers Energy Company on July 30, 2012; letter from Amanda Masters, Community Resources Associate, Capital Area United Way regarding “Project Connect”; letter from David Fox, Westphalia Broadband regarding name change to WBI – COMLINK; July 2012 Fire Department Newsletter “Burning Issues”; letter from Michigan Township Association regarding membership renewal; June Activity Reports; “Where Development Begins” article from The Greater Lansing Business Monthly, July 2012

Manager Taylor stated that the Building Stronger Communities Council provided the 2012-2013 Agency Pledge Form and advised the Board that unless the Board states otherwise he will submit the Township’s pledge to continue participating in the funding of this project.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**Calder moved, Seeger seconded, to approve on Second Reading rezoning request RO12- 880001 from Michael McGraw, on behalf of Eastbrook Companies/Ridge Rock , to conditionally rezone a 22.82 acre vacant parcel located east of the existing Ridge Rock Subdivision, east of Airport Road, west of Schavey Road, south of Herbison Road, and north of Clark Road, in the southwest ¼ of Section 18, DeWitt Township, from “R3” (Residential) to “R4” (Residential), with said condition being that only single family homes are allowed in this “R4” designated area.**

**AYES: Calder, Ross, Daggy, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman  
NAYS: None Motion Carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS  
2012 Sewer  
Rehabilitation  
Projects**

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated July 20, 2012, regarding the 2012 Sewer Rehab projects and previous discussion relative to the same. He advised that the Township Board approved a professional services contract with C2AE in April for the bidding of specific sewer rehabilitation projects. C2AE used a selective bid process and sent out various request for proposals. On July 12, 2012, the Township opened three bids submitted. Of the three bids submitted, C2AE has reviewed the bids and is recommending that Plummer’s Environmental Services, who provided the lowest bid of \$213,008.30, be selected for this project. It was also noted that SCCMUA has used Plummer’s for several projects and is very comfortable with utilizing them for this project.

Manager Taylor also advised the Board that the Sewer Rehab Budget for 2012 was set at \$325,000 and because we are under budget by just over \$100,000 he has asked C2AE and SCCMUA to further review the CIP to see about adding additional cured-in-place spot lining projects. There are potentially 42 defects that could be added from the 2015 CIP and this information is being reviewed and may provide the basis for change order discussions with the contractor.

**Seeger moved, seconded by Ross, that the Board authorize the Township Clerk to execute any documents necessary with Plummer’s Environmental Services for cured-in-place spot lining related to the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Rehab plan in an amount not to exceed \$213,008.30. Motion voted and carried.**

**Seeger moved, seconded by Calder, that after review by C2AE and SCCMUA, the Township Board authorize the Township Clerk and Township Manager to approve a change order for additional cured-in-place spot lining in an amount up to \$110,000. Motion voted and carried.**

Economic Development  
CCEA & LEAP

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated July 20, 2012, relative to the Township's involvement with both the Clinton County Economic Alliance (CCEA) and Lansing Economic Area Partnership (LEAP) and pointed out that he feels that it is critical that the Township utilize both of these services as they both have a different value to the Township, pointing out their distinct values. Manager Taylor also provided the Board with a copy of the "Agreement for Services of Clinton County Economic Alliance".

**Seeger moved, seconded by Musselman, that the Board authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to enter into an agreement and execute any necessary documents with the Clinton County Economic Alliance for the purpose of encouraging economic development, job creation and retention within its boundaries, in an amount not-to-exceed \$8,000 for 2012. Motion voted and carried.**

**Seeger moved, seconded by Daggy, that the Board authorize the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to enter into an agreement and execute any necessary documents with the Lansing Economic Area Partnership for the purpose of encouraging economic development, job creation and retention within its boundaries, in an amount not-to-exceed \$3,000 for 2012. Motion voted and carried.**

South BR-127 Technical  
Design Committee

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated July 20, 2012, pointing out that the Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) is requesting that the Township Board establish an ad-hoc committee to evaluate and create a technical design for southern BR-127, with the purpose of this committee being to evaluate the right-of-way within this area and to create a final design that would enhance the economic potential along the corridor and to increase motorized and non-motorized safety.

Discussion followed on the process of making appointments to this committee.

**Calder moved, seconded by Musselman, that the Township Board, as requested by the Corridor Improvement Authority, create a South BR-127 technical design ad-hoc committee and concur with the Supervisor's appointment of a member from the Board of Trustees, Corridor Improvement Authority, Planning Commission, Clinton County Road Commission and possibly two (2) members from Michigan Department of Transportation be represented on said committee. Motion voted and carried.**

MML Workers'  
Compensation Fund  
Trustee Election

**Ross moved, seconded by Musselman, to authorize the Clerk to submit the ballot voting for the five incumbent Trustees to be elected to the Worker's Compensation Fund Board. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS

Police Chief Brian Russell announced that effective today Officer Jason Jones is now Sergeant Jason Jones.

Manager Taylor reported the following: There was an article in a recent DeWitt/Bath Review relative to tobacco free parks in Bath Township and the Township has been approached about having any interest in designating our parks as being tobacco free; Electrical Inspector Bob Ranney is retiring as of September 10<sup>th</sup> and notifications of the opening and the hiring process are being handled by Administrative Secretary Julie Coleman and Building Official Bob Logan; the Granger Meadows Blast in the Moonlight event was this past Friday evening and once again it was a very successful event; he will be out of the office for the remainder of the week at the Michigan Local Government Management Association conference.

Trustee Musselman reminded the Board of the US 27 Classic Car tour that goes from Auburn, Indiana to Charvoix , Michigan coming into Lansing on August 22<sup>nd</sup> arriving at the Mega Mall here in the Township on Wednesday around 5:00 p.m.; there is going to be a "good will" visit from our Sister City in Japan arriving here in our community from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 29<sup>th</sup> with many different events planned for these guests.

Trustee Ross reported that the Michigan Economic Development Corporation has had their third meeting and they are showing continued progress on possible economic advancement in our area.

EXTENDED  
COMMENTS

Ellie Darnell stated that she was speaking as a proud wife of Officer Darnell and also a proud and grateful mother. The Darnell's daughter Dominique participated in the Miracle League Baseball Program as a member of the "Cub's" team. She wants it to be known how much the families of these individuals appreciate the Township's support of this project. This baseball season has been beyond words and she knows that this was one of the most amazing experiences her family has ever had and encouraged others to attend these events. What the Township has created is not only a treasure for the Township residents but also a potential reality for many deserving individuals who could not otherwise participate in a baseball program. She just wanted to say - from the bottom of her heart - thank you for making this a reality for her children as well as many others in the surrounding areas.

David Schalk, 1572 Craig Street, stated that he and his family attended the Meadows Event for the first time and he, his wife and six year old, were blown away by this event, enjoying it very much. Secondly, he stated that there is a growing desire among consumers to take more control over the food they serve their families. He inquired about the Township's status on "Backyard Chickens".

Mr. Schalk was advised that chickens are not allowed in a residentially zoned area and are allowed only in the Agricultural zone. It was recommended that Mr. Schalk take his written request to the Township Planning Commission.

Faye Hagy, 1745 E. Clark Road, stated that she received a telephone call this afternoon from someone supposedly representing an medical insurance agency inquiring if she had received her medical card and wanting confirmation of her address and various other items, including the name of her bank. Mrs. Hagy inquired as to what the individuals telephone number was and advised that individual that she was going to be contacting the local police about this call.

Chief Russell advised Mrs. Hagy that this is a scam that several people, especially seniors, are experiencing in the area and thanked her for not participating in this scammers activity. The Police are looking into this matter.

**ADJOURNMENT Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor