

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road  
DeWitt, MI 48820  
October 8, 2012 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, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees, Max Calder, Steve Musselman and Brian Ross.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier and Trustee David Seeger

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, DARA Director Clay Summers, Deputy Clerk Judy Martiny and several citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Calder seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included General Operating Fund Vouchers 60660 – 60715 and Tax Fund Vouchers 7616 – 7623; Township Board Minutes of 09/24/12; and Zoning Board of Appeals 9/19/12 draft minutes. Motion voted and carried.**

AGENDA Manager Taylor stated that he would like to add a letter from Jean Bien, 1545 Craig Street, Lansing, under Correspondence.

**Calder moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, as amended. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION DARA 2013 Budget Clay Summers, DARA Director, introduced Jeremy Babbitt, a student from Northern Arizona University who is going to be doing his internship with DARA through December.

DARA Director Summers provided the Board with the 2013 DARA Proposed Budget and reviewed the same.

There was brief discussion about the various programs, the need to hire a full time social networking person and the proposed municipal contribution increase.

PUBLIC HEARING Supervisor Galardi called the Public Hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. and suggested a round table discussion of the 2013 Proposed Budget. It was a consensus of the Board that the proposed 2013 Budget is very conservative and the revenue and expenditures appear to be well balanced.

Supervisor Galardi called for public comments.

Johanna Balzer, 3450 E. Clark Road, Bath, stated that she is impressed with the ease of understanding the proposed budget and that it appears that it has been well thought out.

Kevin Monroe, 1502 Primrose, DeWitt, stated that he agrees with Mrs. Balzer and feels that the budget looks good and is easily understandable.

**Motion by Ross, seconded by Daggy, to close the Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

COUNTY None.  
COMM. REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included Clinton County Sheriff August Stats; DeWitt Township Fire Department Newsletter "Burning Issues"; Activity reports; Letter from Stanley and Jean Bien of 1545 Craig St., Lansing regarding the keeping of chickens at 1572 Craig Street.

UNFINISHED None.  
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor gave an update regarding the letter from Stanley and Jean Bien regarding their neighbor keeping chickens in a residential neighborhood. He advised the Bien's that the Township is aware that there is a need to address the issue relative to being a use not allowed in residential zones in accordance with DeWitt Township Zoning Ordinances. Manager Taylor advised the Board that this issue has been brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and has been added to their list for review. Taylor stated that he realizes that times change, and this issue is also one currently being addressed by other municipalities. He anticipates moving forward and asking for enforcement of our Ordinance, as it currently stands, until the issue of allowing chickens in a residential neighborhood can be readdressed.

Lengthy discussion followed. No action of the Board was taken. Manager Taylor will be doing follow up on this situation.

REPORTS Manager Taylor reported the following: that the Michigan Municipal League Conference was very informative; he received a notice of resignation from Chief Building Official Bob Logan, effective October 22, 2012; the corridor improvement authority has been working on some sort of name to identify the area and after much debate they have come up with the slogan for the southern corridor district to be "DeWitt Valley – Gateway to Progress."

EXTENDED None.  
COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT **Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martiny, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor