

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
April 11, 2016 Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Clerk Diane Mosier

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Clinton County Commissioner Ken Mitchell, Ken and Dee Kain, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Galardi 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 Township Board Minutes of March 28, 2016; and approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 65887 – 65945. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None

PRESENTATION Supervisor Galardi read the Resolution honoring Ken Kain as an Outstanding Citizen and thanked him for his contributions to the community.

Ken Kain thanked the Board for their recognition.

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER Clinton County Commissioner Ken Mitchell reported on Clinton County business, including: needed changes to emergency services communications hardware and software and it looks like there may be a ballot proposition to fund these changes on the August Primary ballot; raises that have been approved for the Clinton County Road Commissioners beginning in 2017.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a legislative update from State Representative Tom Leonard; Activity Report; Consumers Energy Notice of 4-12-16.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed his report, dated March 31, 2016, outlining the 2016
2016 Road Projects proposed road projects and general condition of Township roads. There was
discussion about the road funding.

Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, to: 1)authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2016 road projects with an amount not to exceed \$478,027, with \$61,112 coming from the Road Commission, \$379,515 coming from the Township General Fund, and \$37,400 coming from the Township Sewer Fund 2)reduce the planned contribution from the General Fund to the Transportation Reserve Fund from \$200,000 to \$170,485 for 2016. Motion voted and carried.

Dog Park Manager Taylor reviewed his report and recommendation which provided a
Agreements summary of the work to date to develop a partnership for this dog park.

Representative from the Friends of DeWitt (Dog Park) spoke in favor of the project. They indicated that application for 501C3 status is pending.

Supervisor Galardi commended those involved for their collaborative work on this project which will be a needed asset to our community.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk and Manager to execute a lease agreement between SCCMUA, the City of DeWitt, and DeWitt Township for the use of property owned by SCCMUA to be used as a dog park and to authorize the Township Clerk and Township Manager to execute a Park Maintenance and Use Agreement between the Friends of the DeWitt Dog Park, the City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township for the use and operation of a dog park. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

REPORTS Manager Taylor reported the following: we have closed and taken possession of the Hi-Way Motel, with a tear down anticipated for late summer; Assessor Watkins (City of DeWitt) has provided notice that he will be retiring this summer, and after discussions with the City of DeWitt, it appears that there is no opportunity for us to partner at this time so they continue to discuss possibilities of working together with Bath Township; he is working with the Business owners in the Northway Plaza to assure maintenance of their service drive; the deadline for the S2Grant/LS102 is approaching but easement issues remain; the joint meeting with the Planning Commission is scheduled for May 9th at 7:30 following the Township Board meeting.

Deputy Clerk Kulhanek reported that issuing Clean Sweep vouchers and absentee ballots continues to keep Clerk staff busy.

Trustee Seeger reported that he will be attending the upcoming Clinton County Township Officers meeting in Maple Rapids.

Trustee Balzer reported that an Open House event is scheduled for Gunnisonville on April 30, 2016, from 1 to 3 p.m. She also reported that the cell phone tower north of Clark and Wood Roads has been removed.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Kulhanek, Deputy Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor