

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
April 27, 2015 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, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Johanna Balzer, Stephen Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT           Manager Rodney Taylor, Planners Tory Niewiadomski and Brett Wittenberg, County Commissioners Bob Showers and Ken Mitchell, DARA Director Chad Stevens, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA   **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 64389 - 64436; approval of Township Board Minutes of April 13, 2015, Election Commission Minutes of April 13, 2015, and Planning Commission Draft Minutes of April 6, 2015. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT       Dave Steward, 12595 Wood Road, spoke to a Clinton County issue regarding the request from Granger to allow additional counties to utilize their landfills. He stated that he does not believe this request should be approved, the additional truck traffic will further over utilize Wood Road. He stated that the Township Board is here to take care of the Township and its residents and the Township does not need additional waste coming into the landfill, further shortening the long term life expectancy of the landfill.

Supervisor Galardi, Manager Taylor (Solid Waste Council Planning Committee) and Trustee Seeger (Solid Waste Council) advised Mr. Steward of the pending process to consider the Granger application, and assured him that he will have ample time to address the appropriate governing bodies regarding this issue. Manager Taylor noted that this process will take up to a year to accomplish resolution, and during that time, at some point, it will be before all government units in Clinton County, and the County Commission.

PRESENTATION       Trustee Musselman (DARA Board Member), presented Amy Soltis with a Letter of Appreciation for her time and efforts to assess the current recreational needs, interests, and programming options for 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade youth in our area. DARA Director Chad Stevens, thanked Amy for her interest and willingness to work with DARA.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER       Commissioners Showers and Mitchell updated the Board on County business.

**CORRESPONDENCE** Correspondence included the following: 2014 Police Department Annual Report; Clinton County Sheriff March Statistics, and a Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Business Awards Invitation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None.

**NEW BUSINESS** Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated April 24, 2015, detailing the Schavey Road roadway and non-motorized improvements planned for 2016. He explained the engineering work that needs to be done, which is the reason for the request to approve the Engineering Agreement with C2AE.

Schavey Road Engr Agreement

He explained that as a follow up to the November 2014 meeting with residents in the area, the Township and Road Commission held another meeting for interested parties on April 23, 2015, to receive public input regarding the project. He stated that although not everyone is pleased that the project will move forward, there is a general sense that this project is a necessary component of the non-motorized transportation plan and a much needed roadway project that will improve safety in the area.

Manager Taylor provided figures showing that the project estimated cost is \$704,000 with the Township's share being approximately \$240,000, and MDOT grants covering the balance. The higher engineering costs were also discussed.

**Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute an agreement with C2AE in an amount not-to-exceed \$93,000 for final design, bidding services, construction inspection and administration for motorized and non-motorized improvements on Schavey Road. Motion voted and carried.**

**Proposed Complete the Streets Ord.** Planner Wittenberg reviewed his memo, dated April 22, 2015, regarding the proposed new Complete the Streets Ordinance. Some changes were suggested, relating to maximum payment for pathway installation and how that payment should be made. Language for these discussed changes will be drafted by Planning Staff, and incorporated into the document prior to the meeting when the proposed ordinance will be the subject for public input. No action was taken.

**Proposed Ordinance Amendments to IPMC** Planner Wiewiadoski reviewed his memo, dated April 20, 2015, outlining the proposed changes to the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). The amendment will be scheduled for First Reading at the next Board meeting. No action was taken.

**DeWitt Area Parks & Recreation Plan** Planner Wittenberg reviewed his memo, dated April 22, 2015, which explained that the Township, the City of DeWitt, and DARA have again joined together to update the joint five-year Parks and Recreation Plan. The plan was reviewed and discussed. No action was taken and a Public Hearing is being advertised for the next Board meeting.

**Classification** Manager Taylor's memo, dated April 24, 2015, explained that Deputy Clerk Judy Martiny will be retiring in early June having completed 31 years of service. He noted that in preparation for this transition, Clerk Mosier has appointed Laurie Kulhanek Deputy effective May 1, 2015, however, the Board must approve her classification change.

Clerk Mosier asked that Board members mark their calendars for June 3, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for Judy's Retirement Open House.

**Ross moved, Balzer seconded, that effective May 1, 2015, Laurie Kulhanek will be reclassified to Grade 5 "Deputy Clerk" at Step 4 of the Classification and Wage Scale. Motion voted and carried.**

#### REPORTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: April 16<sup>th</sup> was the Community Showcase, which continues to be very well attended; he updated the Board on the Rebuilding Together project, which involves four DeWitt Township homes this year, and he thanked Township volunteers (Niewiadomski, Balder, Esser, Wittenberg) who gave their time and talents; he is working with the City of DeWitt to define future sewer use needs; he participated in Arbor Day activities with the City of DeWitt and Clinton County; May 11<sup>th</sup> is the opening day for the Miracle League.

Trustee Ross reported that he will not be able to attend the business awards on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Seeger thanked staff for their assistance with the Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting reminders.

Clerk Mosier reported the following: the 2014 Audit is complete and a Draft has been received; the Clerk's Office will be open next Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8 am until 2 pm for election business; over 300 vouchers have been issued under the new Clean Sweep program procedures, with public input being very positive; it is one week until Election Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Ken Schelb, 13875 Schavey Road, stated that he is pleased with the outcome of the Schavey public input sessions. He thanked the Board and Manager Taylor for listening to the residents.

**ADJOURNMENT** **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor