

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
November 9, 2015 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, Clerk Diane Mosier, Treasurer Phyllis Daggy, and Trustees Johanna Balzer and Stephen Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioners Showers, Mitchell and Hill, several members of the police and fire departments, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 65343 – 65392; approval of Township Board Minutes of October 26, 2015. Motion voted and carried.**

PRESENTATION Police Chief Russell presented certificates to Police and Fire Academy participants: Steve & Barb Musselman, James and Gina Lago, Sam Craig, Jocelyn Lyon, and Ann Hill. Supervisor Galardi thanked those present for their interest in this program.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

COUNTY

COMMISSIONER Commissioners Showers, Mitchell, and Hill reported on current Clinton County business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Benefits Committee minutes from 7/28, 9/30, 10/20 and 11/3/15; Certificate of No Referendum/Sewer Bonds from Clerk Mosier; Notice of Necessity/Wilderness Drain from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; Clinton County Township Officers Association 11/18/15 Agenda; 2016 Lansing Regional Chamber Dues; Representative Tom Leonard Legislative Update; Sister City Minutes 1/26, 2/23, & 6/16/15 minutes; Activity Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS Clerk Mosier explained that her office has suspended the Peddlers License for Brent Ford/Iowa Peddlers Permit
Suspension/Revocation Consideration
Police Chief Russell explained the actions of both the Township officers, and those from the City of DeWitt. He stated that he is supportive of Board action to revoke this license.

Trustee Musselman explained that he had an encounter with this peddler which raised his concern about the individual's interactions with other residents.

Clerk Mosier noted that the required certified mailing was sent to this individual.

Supervisor Galardi called for public comment. None was received and Mr. Ford was not present.

Musselman moved, Balzer seconded, to revoke the Peddlers & Solicitor's Permit of Brent Ford/Iowa Steak Company, effective November 9, 2015, said permit previously having been suspended by the Township Clerk, due to violations of the Township Codified Ordinance/Article II Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchant and Vending Regulations, Sec. 5-29 (2) (3). Motion voted and carried.

2016 Employee
Benefit Changes

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated November 6, 2015, which addressed employee benefit issues. He noted that the Benefits Committee minutes are included in the Board's packet of information.

The Board discussed the actions being considered: 1)Committee recommendation to remain status quo (with Guardian Insurance) for dental, vision, life, accidental death/dismemberment, short and long term disability 2)Committee recommendation to change health plans, since the current plan will not be offered in 2016 3)the Manager's recommendation to establish employee contributions toward the payment of health care premiums.

Police Officer Kolka stated that he would like to clarify a couple of items: 1)Both he and Lt. Nelson are on the benefits committee, and because of union negotiations, he and Lt. Nelson did not vote on the change to the PHP health care plan to the PFD00400 and 2)the committee did not take any action on the proposed monetary contribution to the health care premium because Manager Taylor stated that he would be making the recommendation to the Township Board.

Lisa Betz, Secretary in the Police Department, stated that she does not understand the current health care issues, and she will need help or education with these changing issues.

Clerk Mosier stated that she believes everyone on the Committee agreed that the PFD00400 Plan was the best option offered for the cost quoted, with the possible exception of Manager Taylor. Although he voted to support this plan, she believes he would have supported the narrow network plan because of the cost savings.

Manager Taylor explained the rationale for his recommendation and the formula used to arrive at the employee premium contribution, relating it to PA 152, which would require a much higher employee contribution. He explained that he is recommending 15% of the aggregate of the cost of health insurance premiums in 2016, with a goal to reach 50% of the aggregate of the cost of the premium over the next three years. Utilizing his recommended formula for employee contribution would not fulfill the requirements of PA152, so the Township will still have to opt out. He explained that pending the status of union negotiations, the Board will address officially opting out of PA152 at the December meeting.

Balzer moved, Ross seconded, to concur with the Benefits Committee and stay with Guardian Insurance for dental, vision, life, accidental death/dismemberment (AD&D), short term disability and long term disability, and authorize the Township Clerk or

Manager to execute any documents necessary, and to concur with the Benefits Committee to switch all employees top health plan PFD00400 offered by PHP and authorize the Township Clerk or Manager to execute any documents necessary. Motion voted and carried.

Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, that beginning in 2016, nonunion employees will pay 15% of the aggregate of the cost of health insurance premiums over the State cap.

AYES: Balzer, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman

NAYS: Ross Motion carried.

Trustee Ross stated that he would like to see the employee percentage of the aggregate of the premium cost be lower than the 15% initially, maybe 10% to begin.

Clerk Mosier stated that she believes the formula used makes this the best deal employees could hope for, and she fully supports the 15% contribution. As for future years, that will be evaluated when the whole package is addressed again next year.

Stipend/Brush

Manager Taylor explained the rational for his memo recommending this stipend for Nicole Brush, He pointed out that she has done an outstanding job of making sure that the Building Department continues to provide high quality customer service in the absence of the Chief Building Inspector, is making many day-to-day necessary decisions, even while the department burden has increased with the implementation of the IPMC and the City contract with the Township for building and trade services.

Galardi moved, Mosier seconded, to authorize the payment of a one-time stipend to Nicole Brush in the amount of \$1,250. Motion voted and carried.

Engineering Services/
Community Center
Parking Expansion

Manager Taylor's memo, dated November 6, 2015, explained the bid process for this project.

Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute an agreement with Spicer Engineering in an amount not-to-exceed \$15,200 for survey, design and bidding on the expansion of parking lot and the new State Road entrance at the Community Center. Motion voted and carried.

2016 Fee Schedule`
R2015-11-69

Balzer moved, Seeger seconded, to adopt Resolution R2015-11-69 adopting the proposed 2016 Fee Schedule with an effective date of January 1, 2016.

AYES: Musselman, Seeger, Galardi, Mosier, Daggy, Ross, Balzer

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Clerk Mosier pointed out that the new FOIA fees are already in effect, being previously approve by this Board.

Old US27 Pathway/
Sidewalk Update &
Accept Transportation
Grant & C2AE Amd.

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated November 6, 2015 updating the Board on the Old US-27 Pathway/Sidewalk project and the related Transportation Grant.

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to: 1)authorize the Township Manager and Township Clerk to sign all necessary documents for the construction of the sidewalk and pathway along Old-US27 and the Township accept the Transportation Alternative Grants leaving the Township’s share of the project not-to-exceed \$446,997 and 2)authorize the Township Clerk to execute Amendment #1 for construction engineering for the Old US-27 Pathway and Sidewalk project in an amount not-to-exceed \$130,500. Motion voted and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Rockford, 3901 Norway Pine Drive, asked questions about pouring concrete and laying asphalt so late in the year for the BR27 Sidewalk and Pathway Project.

REPORTS

Chief Russell reported on recent crime trends within the Township.

Manager Taylor reported the following: he has been contacted by Consumers Energy and they continue to discuss making changes to the intersection lighting at Stoll Road and BR27; it also appears that MDOT has budgeted funds for adding a turn lane in the same area/BR27 and Stoll Road; he provided an update on the ongoing Hi-Way Motel court case; he previously reported that the State has implemented legislation to assist locals with safety issues in manufactured home communities, but it now appears that this was incorrect.

Trustee Musselman reported that the figures for DARA Summer Camp Program indicate increased participation and revenues.

Trustee Seeger pointed out that the Clinton County Township Officers Association meeting Agenda was included with correspondence.

Trustee Balzer noted that there was no ZBA meeting this month. She also stated that she finds the Clinton County Township Officers Association meetings beneficial.

CLOSED SESSION/
Union Negotiations

Galardi moved, Mosier seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Union Negotiations at 8:20 p.m.

AYES: Balzer, Ross, Daggy, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger, Musselman
NAYS: None Motion carried.

Supervisor Galardi reconvened the regular meeting at 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,