

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
April 14, 2014 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, Trustees Johanna Balzer, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Steve Musselman

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 62823 - 62898, approval of Township Board Minutes of 03/24/14; receive and file the Elections Commission Meeting Minutes of 3/24/14; receive and place on file the minutes of the draft Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of 3/19/14; and approve the Joint Board/Planning Commission Minutes of 3/31/14. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT None present.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a letter to Clinton County Administrator Ryan Wood from Manager Taylor regarding the Corridor Improvement Authority; an invitation to retiring Officer James Terrill's open house; activity report; 6/16/14 meeting agenda from Clinton County Township Officers Association; May 8th invitation to the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Business Awards; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Fire Department 2013 Annual Report; notice from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding the Reno's North Liquor License transfer; February Statistics from the Clinton County Sheriff; Thank You from Dawn Levey, candidate for Senate; notice from Clinton County Drain Commissioner regarding the Reynolds Drain tree clearing; notice from Clinton County Central Dispatch regarding County wide tornado siren testing; Township budget recognition from Government Finance Officers Association.

Supervisor Galardi commented positively on the letter to Clinton County Administrator Ryan Wood.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS
Final Plan-Crowner
Farms PH II Site
Condos

Planner Niewiadomski reviewed his staff report, dated April 10, 2014, on the Final Plan for Crowner Farms Phase II Site Condominiums, applicant Motz Development, for 45 detached single family residential sites and open space areas.

Brian Tice was present, representing Motz Development. He stated that they have seen the Conditions of approval, and agree to comply.

Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the Final Plan for Crowner Farms Condominiums, upon compliance with the following conditions: 1)a copy of the registered copy of the Master Deed shall be provided within ten (10) days of recording, in accordance with Section 42-963 (b)(8) of the Zoning Ordinance 2)the applicant shall provide a letter of credit as deemed appropriate by the Township Engineer to address repairs and inspections noted by SCCMUA for the sanitary sewer system and completion of improvements shall be required prior to the issuance of occupancy permits for any dwelling 3)the applicant shall amend Exhibit B “Subdivision Plan” of the Master Deed sheets 3 & 5 to indicate an easement per the Drain Commissioner’s Office requirements along the south side of unit 62 prior to recording the Master Deed. Motion voted and carried.

Employment Rec/
Police Officers

Police Chief Russell reviewed the selection process and his recommendation to hire two officers to replace two retiring officers.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to approve the hiring of Trevin Bernat and Monica Lee for the full-time employee patrol officer positions which are currently open, contingent upon the completion of the pre-employment physicals and other testing as required. Motion voted and carried.

Police Chief Russell introduced Monica Lee, and her parents, who were present. Supervisor Galardi welcomed her to the Township Police Department.

Special Assessment/
Old US27 Sidewalk/
Pathway R2014-04-09

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated April 11, 2014, which timelined the assessment process for the Old-27 Sidewalk/Pathway project. He explained that the first step is to adopt the Resolution presented directing the Manager to have plans and a cost estimate prepared for the project. He also noted that the assessment proposed will be 10% of the costs, which will be assessed to property owners as shown on the table provided.

Seeger moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-04-09, directing the Manager to have plans and a cost estimate prepared for the Old US-27 Sidewalk/Pathway project.

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

NAYS: None Motion carried.

Fire and Police
Millage Renewal
R2014-04-08

Clerk Mosier explained that the ballot language presented, and the appropriate Resolution, were drafted by the attorney, as directed in the Board's previous decisions.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-04-08 authorizing the Township Clerk to take the appropriate actions to place the Fire and Police Millage Renewal ballot proposition before the Township voters at the August 5, 2014 Primary Election.

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

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Chief Russell reported that his department is investigating issues involving tax fraud.

Manager Taylor reported the following: Clean Sweep will be held May 3rd, and volunteers for check in are needed; the 2014 Budget includes monies for cleaning the water tower, however, based on current evaluations, that cleaning will be delayed until 2018, with the exterior being Phase I and the interior being Phase II; he is working with Trustee Balzer, Planner Niewiadomski, and resident Amenda Masters on exploring options to help revitalize southern tier neighborhoods; Granger and Clinton County Waste Management are in the process of expanding their export/import of waste to other counties.

He also provided an update on Trustee Musselman's surgery.

Trustee Balzer reported on issues involving the Building Stronger Communities Council. She also expressed concerns that St. Johns' agencies struggle to meet the needs of the southern tier residents/families. She also reported that there will be no April Board of Appeals meeting.

Trustee Ross provided an update on the Next Michigan Development Corporation's work to bring Niowave to the Capital Region Airport. That plan will bring approximately 79 million dollars in innovate high value jobs.

Clerk Mosier reported that several activities will be taking place this week, Officer Terrill Open House is the 17th, the Community Showcase is the 16th, and May 8th is the luncheon to celebrate Judy Martiny's 30 year anniversary with DeWitt Township.

Supervisor Galardi reported that meetings are taking place with Mayor Bernaro and his staff regarding local issues. One topic that we have initiated discussion on is the plan for airport expansion/terminal relocation.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor