

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
April 28, 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, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Also Present: Manager Rodney Taylor, County Commissioners Robert Showers, Jack Enderle, Eileen Heideman, DeWitt District Library Director Jennifer Balcom and Board Member Brian Byars, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Balzer 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 62899 - 62940, approval of Township Board Minutes of 04/14/14, with one correction; to receive and place on file the draft minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of 04/07/14. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

PRESENTATION DeWitt District Library Director Jennifer Balcolm and Library Board Member Brian Byars provided data from the results of the recent community survey to determine what our community will support and fund in library services. She reported that the Library Board has made a decision, in large part based on the results of the survey, to place a ballot proposition before the voters in August for a renewal of the .4998 mills and an additional millage of .5000, for a total of .9998 mills as one ballot question. She pointed out that this millage will allow the library to restore to the hours they were open before the downturn in the economy and make needed repairs to the building. Discussion determined that if this millage does not pass, the Library will likely close in 2015.

Discussion points: how to update and keep the library current; how to increase services to make the library more relevant in today's society; what the future holds for our library. It was noted that if the millage does not pass in August, the Library Board will have approximately one week to submit ballot language for the November Election.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT Commissioner Showers thanked the Board for their vision when considering the 425 Agreement with the Capital Region Airport Authority. Supervisor Galardi thanked Showers and Ross for serving on the Next Michigan Development Corporation and initiated some discussion on work being done with the Counties and local legislators.

Commissioner Showers also commented positively on the Township's position regarding future liabilities, i.e. pension plans funding.

Supervisor Galardi explained that he has been asked by Commissioner Showers to serve on the Clinton Area Transit Board, and explained why the Township will benefit from this transit service in the future.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence was received from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner regarding tree clearing in the Prairie Creek & Gunderman Lake drainage district.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS** None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor explained that the proposed adjustment will cover sick pay buy-out for two retiring police officers.
Budget Adjustment

Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2014 Budget: \$13,000 to 101-265-705-000 (Township Hall Benefits) from 101-000-390-000 General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.

2014 Road Projects Supervisor Galardi read aloud the 2014 projects being proposed by Manager Taylor.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2014 road projects with an amount not to exceed \$370,968. Motion voted and carried.

Summer Tax **Daggy moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the 2014 Summer Tax Collection Agreements with Lansing Community College, RESA, Ingham Intermediate, DeWitt Public Schools, East Lansing Public Schools, and Lansing Public Schools. Motion voted and carried.**
Collection Agmts

2013 SCCMUA **Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to authorize SCCMUA to return DeWitt Township's 2013 Fund Balance to the Township where it will be returned to the Sewer Fund Balance (590-000-390-000). Motion voted and carried.**
Fund Balance

R2014-04-10 Old US Manager Taylor reviewed the steps for the sidewalk/pathway project (south US27), a process that was officially initiated at the last meeting, with the adoption of the Resolution to direct the
27 Sidewalk/Pathway that was officially initiated at the last meeting, with the adoption of the Resolution to direct the
Project/Set Public Manager to put forth plans and cost estimates for the project.
Hearing

Manager Taylor explained that if the Board determines to proceed with the special assessment of a portion of the project costs, then the legal notices and the public hearing process will be set in motion with the adoption of the Resolution presented this evening. All Board members expressed that they are on Board with proceeding, with the understanding that the following estimates of costs will be used to proceed: Grant Monies \$419,927, Township at-large costs \$402,311, and

Special Assessment contribution of \$44,701. The breakdown of proposed assessments was reviewed and discussed.

Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to adopt Resolution 2014-04-10, confirming the tentative necessity of the improvement, set the Public Hearing, and begin the special assessment notice process.

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

NAYS: None Motion carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Manager Taylor reported the following: Clinton County is in the process of approving a \$100,000 contribution towards the Township's portion of the Blight Elimination Grant Project demolition; he provided details of the mediation held on the 504 Pump station project; the Miracle League opening if May 5th; the business awards are scheduled at Hawk Hollow for May 8th.

Trustee Balzer reported the following: May 17th is the Revolutionary War Soldier Recognition (died in 1839) at 12:00 noon at the DeWitt (City) Cemetery; Gunnisonville Meadows Assisted Living is planning a concert with the New Horizons Band, and will host a pancake supper on May 18th at 4:00 p.m.

Clerk Mosier reminded the Board that next Tuesday, May 8th, is Election Day for Lansing and Bath School Districts. The Board agreed that employees who helped with the success of the Terrill Retirement Open House should receive a Thank You from the Board, and she will see that the letters are sent.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor