

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
July 28, 2014 Board Minutes

Prior to convening the meeting, a slide show of the pictures from the Meadows Celebration was viewed by those present.

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, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Johanna Balzer

Also Present: Planner Tory Niewiadomski, Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioners Jack Enderle and Eileen Heideman, Dru Mitchell with Clinton County Economic Alliance, Civilian Award recipient, Marisa Covert, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger 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 63315– 63371; approval of Township Board Minutes of July 14, 2014, correcting the vote on Ordinance Amendment 42.4 to correct that Trustee Seeger voted No; and receipt and filing of the Draft Planning Commission Minutes of July 7, 2014 and the Election Commission Minutes of June 23, 2014. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT Brian Wethy introduced himself as a candidate for Clinton County Commissioner, 4th District.

Ken Mitchell introduced himself as a candidate for Clinton County Commissioner, 4th District.

COUNTY

COMM. REPORT Commissioners Enderle and Heideman reported on County Commission business, including extending an invitation to the ribbon cutting ceremony on August 24th for most recent park expansion of Clinton Lakes.

There was a brief discussion about the 911 System's recent shut down.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: a legislative update from Representative Leonard; 2nd Quarter Residential Real Estate Market Report, CCDC Re: Remy Chandler Drain clearing of trees; Activity Report; Meredith Miller letter regarding Heritage Glen; letter from Aleta Mineo O'Connell re: Granger Meadows; Notice of Public Hearing from Consumers Energy.

PRESENTATIONS Chief Russell presented Marisa Covert with a Civilian Award for her action at the scene of an accident in the Township. He explained what took place on May 24th when Marisa assisted a victim on Tucker Drive when a car hit a house. The Board congratulated Marisa on receipt of an award well deserved.

Clinton County Economic Alliance Dru Mitchell, Executive Director of the Clinton County Economic Alliance, explained the progress the organization is making to advance Clinton County in the greater Lansing development region.

Supervisor Galardi thanked Dru Mitchell for her service to the Clinton County Economic Alliance, a relationship that is new but working well.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
Ord Amd 42.3
2nd Reading

Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to adopt, based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, on Second Reading, an amendment to the DeWitt Charter Township Zoning Ordinance (Ord No. 42.3) to allow the use of the Commercial Corridor Overlay District No. 1 to apply to properties within the Corridor Improvement Authority District Boundary, on the following basis: 1)That the proposed amendment is based on a policy recommendation within the Comprehensive Development Plan. 2)That the proposed amendment is intended to enhance the objectives of the South Central Area Plan, the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan, Corridor Improvement Authority Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan, as well as the Access Management Plan.

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

Ord Amd 2012 Intl
Fire Code 2nd Reading

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to adopt, on Second Reading, the 2012 International Fire Code, by reference, into the Township's Codified Ordinance.

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

NEW BUSINESS
CIA Budget

Planner Niewiadomski reviewed Manager Taylor's memo, dated July 25, 2014, explaining the CIA's need for a budget.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the 2014 Corridor Improvement Authority (CIA) budget, as presented by the CIA Board, and to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from the General Fund, which was received from Clinton County, to the Corridor Improvement Authority to be used for promotion and economic development purposes. Motion voted and carried.

REPORTS &
COMMENTS

Chief Russell reported that he has been doing some research about feral cats, the problems our community is having with them, and what other communities have experienced and resolved to do about the problem. He questioned whether the Board wants him to pursue this and possible return with an Ordinance that would be a first step in controlling the problem.

Clerk Mosier related her experiences in her neighborhood relating to wild cats. The Board requested that the Chief pursue possible steps to control the proliferation of feral cats that some neighborhoods are experiencing.

Chief Russell also reported that the Police/Fire Challenge sponsored by the Draft House was successful, with over \$650 donated to the Redeemer Food Bank. Supervisor Galardi suggested future consideration for a charity he has been involved with that helps homeless high school students.

Planner Niewiadomski reported that we have received proposals for a Senior Service Study.

Trustee Musselman updated the Board on the upcoming car tour and the Sister City Exchange which has scheduled their lunch at the Township Hall for August 26th.

Treasurer Daggy reported that things are slowing down a bit in the Treasurer's Office, and tax payments are now starting to come in. She also reported that August 12th is DARA Director Clay Summers last day with DARA before he begins a new employment. She noted that the DARA Board has narrowed the search for a new Director down to two candidates.

Clerk Mosier reminded the Board that the Primary is a week from tomorrow. She also noted that there is still a need for another election inspector to assist in processing absentee ballots.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT Rich Domeyer, 1480 Sanborn Drive, commented that he lives across from the pond in Heritage Glen. He provided a handout from Mid-Michigan Ponds, and reviewed the possible solutions this firm has recommended for the pond in their subdivision. He questioned why the petitioners have only considered the one solution, rather than possible other options outlined in the document he provided.

Clerk Mosier reminded those present that items submitted the week before the meeting can be included in the Board packets, which will allow Board members time to review the documents prior to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor