

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820  
September 8, 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, and Trustees, Johanna Balzer, Steve Musselman, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**Also Present:** Manager Rodney Taylor, Police Chief Brian Russell, Assessor Laura Tafelsky, County Commissioner Jack Enderle, and several citizens.

**AGENDA** **Musselman moved, Seeger 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 63518– 63572; approval of Township Board Minutes of August 25, 2014 , and to receive and file the draft minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of August 20, 2014. Motion voted and carried.**

**BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**PRESENTATION** L Quinn Lincoln-Keon with the Habitat for Humanity explained that their organization is looking for property in the Clinton Village area (southern tier) for construction of new homes. She also noted that their group is always looking for qualified individuals to make an investment in a project to build their home. Supervisor Galardi suggested that staff explore ways we can assist this effort.

**PUBLIC HEARING** Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing on the 2015 Assessment of Streetlighting 2014 Streetlighting Assessment costs. Manager Taylor explained the process. Clerk Mosier noted that notices were mailed and published, with one letter of protest included in the Board packet.

Assessor Tefelsky explained the process used to determine the assessment amounts, and the increase in costs from both Consumers Energy and the Board of Water and Light.

Clerk Mosier stated that with the work done in the Assessing Office on this roll, she has complete confidence that the Assessment Roll for the 2014 Streetlights is as accurate as possible to assess actual costs to operate the lights. Details of what the Township pays was also discussed.

There was no public comment.

**Ross moved, Seeger seconded to close Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

**Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Resolutions 2014-09-19 through 2014-09-63 approving the 2014 Streetlighting Assessments.**

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

COUNTY

COMM. REPORT Commissioner Enderle reported on current Clinton County Commission business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: an Employee Appreciation Picnic reminder; CCDC notice of review of apportionments; thank you from the DeWitt District Library; legal notice from Consumers Energy; a protest of the streetlight assessment from Myriah Lillie; Activity Report; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Legislative Update from State Representative Tom Leonard; a draft of the Township's 2015 Budget; Agenda of the Clinton County Township Officers Association 9-17 meeting.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS  
Sidewalk Variance  
Glenn Road Manager Taylor reviewed Planning Director Niewiadowski's memo, dated September 3, 2014, regarding the request for a sidewalk variance for property located at 2050 Glenn Road.

A representative of the property owner was present to answer any questions from the Board.

**Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to approve, based on a unanimous recommendation from the Planning Commission, a variance for sidewalk installation for the property located at 2050 Glenn Road (Parcel 050-035-300-010-01) in the southwest ¼ of Section 35 of DeWitt Charter Township on the following basis: the applicant's request satisfies Condition (2) under Section 34-21 of the Codified Ordinance. Motion voted and carried.**

Commercial Rehab  
Tax Exemption Cert  
Request/Set Public  
Hearing Manager Taylor reviewed Planner Niewiadowski's memo regarding an application for a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate by Brad Thelen for a new salon business located at 15694 S. US27. He noted the sixty (60) day time period to approve/deny the application. He also reviewed the process required for notification of the consideration.

**Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to set a Public Hearing for October 13, 2014, for the consideration of a Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Exemption Certificate Request for property located at 15694 S. US 27, Lansing, MI 48906 (Parcel 050-028-400-045-50) by the property owner Brad Thelen. Motion voted and carried.**

Economic Dev  
Committee  
Assignment

**Mosier moved, Daggy seconded, to affirm the Supervisor's appointment of the Corridor Improvement Authority to become the recommending body to the Township Board on the administration of the Commercial Rehabilitation Tax Abatement Policy pursuant to requests identified under Public Act 210 of 2005, as amended. Motion voted and carried.**

2015 SCCMUA  
Budget

Manager Taylor initiated discussion about the 2015 SCCMUA Budget, noting the slight increase for 2015.

**Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to receive and place on file the 2015 SCCMUA Budget. Motion voted and carried.**

Prior to adjourning to Executive Session, Supervisor Galardi called for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Faye Hagy, 1745 E. Clark Road, provided information about the upcoming Gunnisonville Day, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Manager Taylor requested that she email the details to him.

**Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss attorney client privileged correspondence regarding Pump Station 504 litigation and proposed settlement.**

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

**NAYS: None Motion carried.**

Supervisor Galardi reconvened the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

**Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk, with consultation with the Township Manager and Township Attorney, to execute any documents necessary to resolve the matter between Lawrence M. Clarke and DeWitt Charter Township related to the construction of the 504 Pump Station, contingent upon Bath Township's approval of the settlement. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS &  
COMMENTS

Manager Taylor reported that construction of the canoe launch is complete, with the project slightly over budget. He also initiated discussion about the 2015 Budget Workshop. It was determined to hold the workshop during the Board meeting of September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Supervisor Galardi reported that he has met with Mayor Rundborg regarding the DARA Board, and their inability to come to agreement on the hiring of a new director. He noted that an email was sent to the DARA Board members, requesting a response to a proposed solution to allow the Supervisor and Mayor to cast one combined deciding tie-breaker vote, however, the City DARA Board members have not responded to the proposal, despite a request to respond to the correspondence. Supervisor Galardi will continue to work toward a resolution to this situation.

ADJOURNMENT      **Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor