

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
October 13, 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, Planner Tory Niewiadomski and several citizens.

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

CONSENT AGENDA **Musselman moved, Seeger seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included approval of General Operating Fund Vouchers 63645–63724 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8025 - 8042 ; approval of Township Board Minutes of September 22, 2014 , and to receive and file the draft minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting of September 17, 2014, and the Election Commission Minutes of October 6, 2014. Motion voted and carried.**

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY COMM. REPORT None present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate Application/Thelen Res 2014-10-66 Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing. Planner Niewiadomski reviewed his memo, dated October 8, 2014, explaining the details of this application from Brad Thelen, for commercial property at 15694 South US 27 to be renovated for use as a day salon and spa, and the committee evaluation and recommendation for the same.

Clerk Mosier noted that the required publications and notices were sent. There was no public comment.

Ross moved, Daggy seconded, to close the Public Hearing. Motion voted and carried.

Ross moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt, based upon a unanimous recommendation from the Corridor Improvement Authority, revised Resolution R2014-10-66 to grant a Commercial Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to Brad Thelen for property located at 15694 S. US 27 identified as parcel 050-028-400-045-50 for an abatement period of ten years.

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

Blight Elimination Grant – Project Closure Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing. Manager Taylor explained that the terms of the MEDC Grant require a Public Hearing before closing the project. Clerk Mosier noted that the required notice was published. There was no public comment.

Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to close the Public Hearing. Motion voted and carried.

2015 Proposed Budget Supervisor Galardi called to order the Public Hearing. Manager Taylor reviewed the process to date for the 2015 Budget. Clerk Mosier noted that the required notice was published. There was no public comment.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to close the Public Hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Annual Report from the DeWitt Area Chamber of Commerce; notice of upcoming work for the Faiver & Branch Drains from the Clinton County Drain Commissioner; Fire Department Burning Issues Newsletter; Activity Report; Thank You from Project Connect.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Clerk Mosier thanked the Planners for being responsive to concerns raised at the First Reading.

Ord Amd 42.6 Various Amendments Second Reading **Mosier moved, Balzer seconded, to adopt Ordinance Amendment 42.6, amending the Township Zoning Ordinance with various amendments, on Second Reading.**

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

NEW BUSINESS L-4029 Millage Levy **Motion by Mosier, second by Daggy, to approve the L-4029, 2014 tax rate request, authorizing the levy of 3.9736 for operating millage and 1.0 special voted mills for Fire Operations and 1.0 special voted mills for Police Operations, and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the same. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

REPORTS & COMMENTS Police Chief Russell reported that the two newest officers have completed in car field training and are now on patrol.

Planner Niewiadomski explained that Chief Building Official Esser will be providing a report on the Property Maintenance Code at the next meeting, since the Board requested to see a review of the ordinance after the first year of implementation.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the Health/Benefits Committee is meeting with much to accomplish by year end; road projects have come in under estimates, so he has added Luroma to the list for this year; the Heritage Glen HOA will meet at the Township on October 28th to discuss the petitioned assessment project; a November 13th meeting will be held with southern tier residents to discuss possible neighborhood improvement plans; November 20th there will be a public meeting to present/discuss the proposed sidewalk ordinance and the Schavey Road Corridor; he will be gone the balance of the week to the MML Conference training.

Trustee Balzer reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting for October has been cancelled.

Trustee Ross reported that the upcoming Next Michigan Development meeting has been cancelled.

Treasurer Daggy reported that the winter tax roll is ready to balance with the County.

Clerk Mosier reminded the Board that the Fire Department Open House is tomorrow evening.

Supervisor Galardi provided an update on the Airport Authority and their future plans. He also updated the Board on the most recent DARA meeting and discussion.

Supervisor Galardi provided information about upcoming changes to the officers of the Clinton County Economic Alliance.

ADJOURNMENT Seeger moved, Daggy seconded, to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor