

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
March 13, 2017 Board Minutes

Prior to convening the meeting, awards were presented to retiring Fire Chief Frederick H. Koos, by the following: State Representative and Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Tom Leonard; DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority Chief Joe Spagnuolo and Delta Township Fire Chief John Clark presented for the Clinton County Fire Chiefs' Association; DeWitt Township Supervisor Rick Galardi, and the DeWitt Firefighters Association.

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Galardi, Clerk Diane Mosier and Trustees: Dave Fedewa, Brian Ross, and David Seeger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy and Trustee Steve Musselman

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor; Fire Marshal Dave DeKorte, Chief Building Official Chuck Rau, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Galardi moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the Agenda, removing Presentation, which was done prior to convening the meeting. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Seeger moved, Galardi seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following: approval of the Township Board Minutes of February 27, 2017, and approval of General Fund Vouchers 67198 – 67252. Motion voted and carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS' Commissioners Mitchell and Showers provided an update of Clinton County REPORT business, which included a damage report from the most recent wind storm and figures from the Annual Equalization Report.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Activity Report; invitation to the Creating Entrepreneurial Communities Business Award on May 4th.

UNFINISHED None.
BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
RO2017-03-06
Dog Park

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated March 10, 2017, which provided details for formalizing the creation of the DeWitt Dog Park, a partnership between the City of DeWitt, the Friends of the DeWitt Dog Park, and DeWitt Township, to be located on vacant land in front of SCCMUA.

Trustee Ross suggested considering installing concrete under the fence row to reduce maintenance costs in the future.

Manager Taylor introduced Sarah Spencley, Township resident and Secretary of the Friends of the DeWitt Dog Park. They provided information about the fundraising efforts.

Ross moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt Resolution 2017-03-06, establishing the DeWitt Dog Park on Herbison Road in front of SCCMUA and creating rules for the operation of the park.

AYES: Fedewa, Ross, Mosier, Galardi, Seeger

NAYS: None Motion carried.

IPMC O2017-03-01
First Reading

Chief Building Official Chuck Rau reviewed his memo, dated March 10, 2017, which proposes adopting the 2015 IPMC along with some updates to the original Amendments.

Trustee Seeger stated that he objects to the International part of this Maintenance Code.

Chief Building Official Rau explained that once adopted with the amendments, it becomes the DeWitt Township Property Maintenance Code. Clerk Mosier pointed out that this is the same type of adoption as done with the Fire Code and Traffic Code.

Mosier moved, Fedewa seconded, to approve Ordinance 2017-03-01, the 2015 IPMC along with the proposed amendment changes, on First Reading.

AYES: Fedewa, Ross, Mosier, Galardi

NAYS: Seeger Motion carried.

Contract Awards
Sewer a)102 Replacement & 501 Improvement
b)102 Force Main

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated March 10, 2017, regarding the need to award the contracts for sewer work developed as part of the S2 Grant.

Brian VanZee, Project Manager with C2AE, was present to answer questions relating to the project.

Ross moved, Fedewa seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute The Notice of Award to Rothenberger Company for replacement of the 102 force main in an amount not to exceed \$260,920 and to execute any other agreements required. Motion voted and carried.

Ross moved, Fedewa seconded, to authorize the Township Clerk to execute the attached Notice of Award with E.T. MacKenzie Company for replacement of the 102/501 pump station project in an amount not to exceed \$1,509,271 and to execute any other agreements required. Motion voted and carried.

Sister City
Resignation

Galardi moved, Seeger seconded, to accept, with regret, the resignation of James Sinnamon from the Sister City Community Board. Motion voted and carried.

Interim Fire Chief
Outside Employment

Galardi moved, Ross seconded, to authorize, per Dave DeKorte's Employment Contract, his outside employment as a Police Officer for the City of Laingsburg, with the ability for the Township Manager to revoke said authorization if necessary. Motion voted and carried.

2017 Road Projects

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated March 10, 2017, with proposals for the 2017 Road Projects. There was also discussion about the current condition of Township Roads, which indicates that the current maintenance strategy is working with long term results.

Seeger moved, Galardi seconded, to authorize the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer to execute any documents necessary with the Clinton County Road Commission for the recommended 2017 road projects with an amount not to exceed \$412,346, with \$65,000 coming from the Road Commission, \$440,771 coming from the Township General Fund and \$16,575 coming from the Township Sewer Fund. Motion voted and carried.

Employment/Fire **Mosier moved, Ross seconded, to hire Nicole Floyd, Jared Brummette, and Noah Ruegsegger, as at will paid on call volunteer firefighters, contingent upon completion of the required physical examination requirements. Motion voted and carried.**

Telephone & Data **Motion by Ross, second by Mosier, to authorize the Township Clerk to Service execute an agreement with WBI for local telephone services and internet service. Motion voted and carried.**

Res 2017-03-09 **Galardi moved, Mosier seconded, to adopt Resolution 2017-03-09 honoring Koos retiring Fire Chief Frederick Koos.**

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

REPORTS & Interim Fire Chief DeKorte reported on the recent wind storm which generated COMMENTS 21 runs on that day.

Manager Taylor reported the following: the Generosity Feeds event was a huge success with other 30 Township employees/family members assisting in the preparation of over 10,900 meals for the needs in Clinton County; a maintenance plan for work on the Remy Chandler Drain will require a 2018 assessment; he has begun the process of utilizing a Tri-County Regional Prosperity Grant to study community needs that could be met by CATA/Clinton Transit.

ADJOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Ross seconded, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor