

DeWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP
1401 W. Herbison Road, DeWitt, MI 48820
December 11, 2017 Board Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the DeWitt Charter Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Galardi at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Treasurer Phyllis Daggy

ALSO PRESENT Manager Rodney Taylor; Interim Fire Chief Dave DeKorte; Planner Brett Wittenberg; Police Chief Brian Russell, County Commissioner Ken Mitchell, and several citizens.

AGENDA **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Agenda, adding two items to New Business. Motion voted and carried.**

CONSENT AGENDA **Mosier moved, Musselman seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the following: approval of Township Board Minutes of November 27, 2017 and Executive Session Minutes of 11/27/17; approval of General Fund Vouchers 68248 & 68301 and Tax Fund Vouchers 8628-8634.**

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
REPORT County Commissioner Mitchell provided an update on Clinton County business.

CORRESPONDENCE Correspondence included the following: Legislative Update from State Representative Tom Leonard; 2018 Committee and Commission Listing; and Michigan Medical Marihuana Facilities & Licensing Act information from Attorney Joshua M. Covert.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS None.

NEW BUSINESS Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated December 8, 2017, recommending Community Dev Director Contract the promotion of Brett Wittenberg to Community Development Director.

Ross moved, Seeger seconded, to 1)promote Brett Wittenberg, effective January 1, 2018, to Community Development Director at Grade 9, Step 2, and authorize the Township Clerk and Township Manager to execute an employment for the same and 2)to approve the following budget adjustment to the 2018 Budget: \$30,000 to 101-401-702-050 (Planning Salary) from 101-000-390-000 (General Fund Balance). Motion voted and carried.

R2017-12-70
Poverty Exemption

Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adopt Resolution R2017-12-70 which amends the Township’s Policy and Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions to include the 2017 federal poverty guidelines for 2018 and rescinds any prior Township Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions.

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

2017 Budget Adj

Seeger moved, Mosier seconded, to approve the following budget adjustment for 2017: \$650 to 101-171-702-000 (Supervisor’s Salary) and \$200 to 101-171-705-000 (Supervisor’s Benefits) from 101-000-390-000 (Fund Balance) \$850 and \$2,000 to 860-448-920-000 (Streetlights/Utilities) from 861-000-390-000 (Streetlight Fund Balance) \$2,000. Motion voted and carried.

Set Special Meeting

Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to set a Special Board meeting for Thursday, December 28, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. to consider any year end budget adjustments that might be needed for 2017. Motion voted and carried.

2018 Wages-Non-Union

Manager Taylor reviewed his memo, dated December 8,2017, recommending a 1% raise for 2018 for non-union employees and department heads.

Trustee Ross provided information about what percentage raises non-union employees will receive in surrounding communities and SCCMUA. All will receive 2% or more in 2018.

The issue was discussed at length, including the historical information provided for 2014 through 2018 for Township union employee (police) increases.

Ross moved, Musselman seconded, to 1)approve the 2018 Classification and Wage Scale reflecting a 2% wage increase and 2) to approve an increase in department head salaries to equal the non-union employees' increase of a 2% effective January 1, 2018. Motion voted and carried.

Set Special Mtg **Musselman moved, Mosier seconded, to set a Special Meeting of the Board for Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 4:00 p.m. to address current staffing issues. Motion voted and carried.**

BWL Appointment **Mosier moved, Seeger seconded, to appoint Trustee Ross to fill the balance of the one year term to the BWL non-voting representative. Motion voted and carried.**

REPORTS/
COMMENTS

Planner Wittenberg thanked the Board for their consideration.

Manager Taylor noted that Wittenberg has been a one man show (formerly two planners) and he is doing a good job.

Clerk Mosier noted that the new voting equipment will be tested and received on January 24, 2018. She also reported that staff chose Meals on Wheels for their holiday charitable contributions this year.

Police Chief Russell and Interim Fire Chief DeKorte reported on their many community outreach projects their department members will participation during the holiday season. The Board commended both departments on their public outreach.

ADOURNMENT **Seeger moved, Musselman seconded, to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Mosier, Clerk

Rick Galardi, Supervisor