



CITY OF DEWITT

DEWITT CITY HALL · 414 EAST MAIN STREET · DEWITT, MICHIGAN 48820

City Council Meeting
414 East Main Street DeWitt MI
Meeting Agenda
Monday, April 22, 2024
7:00 P.M.

Call to Order Finance Committee Meeting – Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker

April 15, 2024 Finance Committee Minutes - Approval of minutes only

Call to Order City Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes April 08, 2024 City Council Minutes

Public Comments The public is encouraged to address the City Council at this time. Generally, citizens are not recognized to speak at any other time during the meeting. Unless granted additional time by the Mayor, each member of the public is limited to three (3) minutes.

City Administrators Report

Old Business None

New Business

1. Committee Appointment - Appointment to Board/Commission

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Confirm Mayor Leeming's appointment of Lance Gackstetter to the Planning Commission with a term expiring on January 18, 2027.

2. Presentation of DeWitt Police Department 2023 Annual Report

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and place on file the 2023 Annual Report for the DeWitt Police Department.

Council/Staff Reports

Adjournment

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CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker called the Finance Committee Meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. He led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Denise Donohue, Dave Hunsaker, Mark Kellogg, Maria Ostrander, Trevor VanDyke and Jennifer Whitman

Excused: None

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, Sarah Stoltzfus, Paula Willoughby and Bruce Ferguson

AUDIENCE:

None

AGENDA:

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Finance Committee that **the agenda be approved as presented.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Finance Committee to **approve the minutes from the March 4, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for all City Funds

Administrator Coss reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget with the Finance Committee and answered any questions the committee members had. Finance Director Willoughby went over some changes that have been made to the budget process and formatting of the document.

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council to **recommend approval of the FY2024-25 Budget and spending to City Council.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah A. Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

David Hunsaker
Mayor Pro-Tem

CALL TO ORDER CITY COUNCIL:

The Regular City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Leeming led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mayor Leeming, Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker, Donohue, Kellogg, Ostrander, VanDyke, Whitman

Excused: None

STAFF:

Daniel Coss, City Administrator; Sarah Stoltzfus, City Clerk-Treasurer; Bruce Ferguson, Chief of Police; Brian Goodenough, Foster Swift

AUDIENCE:

Bill Robison, 404 Snapdragon Ln., DeWitt
Sheryl Landgraf, 110 N. Market St., DeWitt
Adam Falkowski, C2AE

AGENDA:

Motion by Whitman, seconded by VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the agenda be approved as presented.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Ostrander, seconded by Kellogg and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the March 11, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting as presented.**

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Donohue and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 Goal Setting Session as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bill Robison shared his frustrations with the InvoiceCloud payment system used for utility billing.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Administrator Coss went over the City Administrator's report that was provided to the council in the agenda packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Presentation of DAESA FY24-25 Annual Budget

At the last council meeting, councilmembers were given a copy of the DAESA budget to review and offer any remarks or concerns.

Motion by Donohue, seconded by VanDyke, carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to authorize the administration to forward the Council budget comments to the DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority (DAESA) Board as presented in the staff report dated April 4, 2024.**

2. DeWitt Duathlon Special Event Application and Road Closure Request

The DeWitt Duathlon Race is scheduled for May 11, 2024. This is a Run-Bike-Run event located in DeWitt and is a family-fun event for the community.

Motion by Hunsaker, seconded VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to approve the Special Event Application and Road Closure request for the DeWitt Duathlon beginning Saturday, May 11 at 2am and ending Saturday, May 11 at 12:30pm.**

3. Review 2024 Local Street Resurfacing Bids

Adam Falkowski with C2AE was present to review the seven (7) bids that came in for the 2024 Local Streets Resurfacing Project.

Motion by Whitman, seconded by Ostrander and carried by unanimous vote of the Council **to award the 2024 Local Street Rehabilitation project to Michigan Paving and Materials Company in the low bid amount of \$344, 982. 40 and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the contracts after review by the City Attorney.**

COUNCIL STAFF REPORTS:

City Attorney: Nothing to report for the city.

City Clerk-Treasurer: Clerk Stoltzfus reported that she and Finance Director Paula Willoughby will be attending MAMC Education Day tomorrow up in Mt. Pleasant. She will also be attending Michigan Municipal Treasurer's Association Basic Institute Year 1 at the end of this month.

DDA/Mayor: Mayor Leeming shared information on an upcoming event that will be hosted by the City of Lansing on April 17th about active violence and school shootings. She also thanked Councilmember Ostrander for judging an art contest. Mayor Leeming also reported that the city is in need of City members for the Sister City Board.

DAESA: City Representative Sheryl Landgraf shared that the DAESA Fire Chief has announced his resignation.

Planning: Next Meeting is Thursday, April 25th.

Parks: April meeting was cancelled, so there is nothing to report.

Police Chief: Chief Ferguson reported that he met with CMH and they officially have a social worker on staff for the Tri-County area. There will be trainings to help staff reach parents with at-risk students.

DARA: Mayor Pro-Tem Hunsaker reported that DARA will have a presence at the Ox Roast this year. He also reported that Sierra is back to work.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by VanDyke, seconded by Whitman and carried by unanimous vote of the Council that **the meeting is adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus
City Clerk-Treasurer

Sue Leeming
Mayor

City Park Restrooms Opened

All of the restrooms in the City parks are fully open and operational. The DPS finished the week of April 15th of getting the parks opened for the 2024 season.

City Park Brush Pickup

Brush pick-up is finished for the spring collection. The DPW made several passes around the city the week of April 15. The next city brush collection will be in September 2024. Granger started collecting yard waste in compostable bags and “x” barrels on Wednesday, April 3.

Freshies Grand Opening

The DDA will be hosting a ribbon cutting for Freshies Grand Opening on Tuesday, April 23 @ 5:30 pm. The Mayor and City Council are all invited to attend.

2024 Community Showcase

The Community Showcase will be held on May 1st from 5-7:30 pm. The setup this year will be similar to last year. Some of the booths will be outside the high school and some will be in the gym.

Bridge and Main Intersection Construction

Restoration of the intersection has started and is expected to be completed and open to traffic by Friday, April 28. The city did participate in some of the restorations between the curb and sidewalk on South Bridge Street. The slope between the curb and sidewalk was too steep for brick pavers to be maintained sufficiently, so a 15-foot section was converted to concrete “terracing” to prevent undermining of the brick pavers.

General Information Packet

- [Huntington Money Market Email](#)
- [General Ledger Report 04/05 - 04/18](#)
- [Planning Commission Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Chamber News](#)
- [Invoice Cloud Report](#)

April	
25 – Thursday	Utility Bills Due
25 – Thursday	Planning Commission Meeting
May	
11 – Saturday	DeWitt Duathlon
13 – Monday	City Council Meeting
14 – Tuesday	Downtown Development Authority Meeting
23 – Thursday	Planning Commission Meeting
27 – Monday	Memorial Day - City Hall Closed

Staff Report for Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item: NB #1
Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

TO: Mayor Leeming and Council Members

FROM: Dan Coss, City Administrator

DATE: April 18, 2024

RE: Appointment to Planning Commission

FACTS: The following citizen(s) have been appointed by Mayor Leeming to the respective committee assignment for the specified term:

Planning Commission

Lance Gackstetter 319 N. Logan St. 1/18/27 (fulfilling remaining term)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Confirm Mayor Leeming’s appointment of Lance Gackstetter to the Planning Commission fulfilling the remainder of a vacancy with a term expiring on January 18, 2027.

MOTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ostrander _____	VanDyke _____
	Donohue _____	Kellogg _____
	Hunsaker _____	Whitman _____



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An application to become involved in your community by serving on a City Board, Commission or Committee.

Thank you for considering serving your community. Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated because our city needs people like you to continue to keep DeWitt a fine community in which to live. The purpose of this form is to provide basic reference data and information pertaining to any resident being considered for appointment to a City board, commission or committee.

To assist the City in making the best match between boards and members, we would appreciate you completing the following questionnaire. Please respond by printing or typing your answers. When you have completed the application, please return it to the City Clerk's Office at the above address. For additional space, feel free to use the reverse side or attach additional pages, if necessary.

Name: LANCE EDWARD GACKSTETTER Nickname: NIA

Home Address: 319 N. LOGAN ST. DEWITT MI 48820

Phone #: Home: NIA Cell: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED] How Long Have You Been a City Resident? 4

Are you over 18? Yes or No (circle one)

City meeting dates are available for viewing on the City's website. Have you reviewed the meeting schedules and determined that you can commit to regular meeting attendance and participation? (Y/N) Y

If so, please indicate your choices in order of preference with number "1" representing your first choice, number "2" representing your second choice, etc.

- Board of Review (3 Members – meets in March, July & December)
- Downtown Development Authority (9 Members/4 Year Terms – meets monthly)
- 1 Planning Commission (9 Members/3 Year Terms – meets monthly)
- Parks, Recreation, Cemetery & Tree Commission (5 Members/3 Year Terms– meets bi-monthly)
- Sister City Board (5 Members/10 Associate Members – meets quarterly)
- Citizen of the Year Committee (5 Members/3 Year Terms – meets in April)
- Construction Board of Appeals (5 Members/4 Year Terms – meets as needed)
- Cable Commission (7 Members/3 Year Terms – meets as needed)
- DeWitt Area Recreation Authority (3 City Residents – meets monthly)
- District Library Board (3 City Residents/4 Year Terms – meets monthly)
- DeWitt Area Emergency Services Authority (2 City Residents – meets monthly)
- Local Officers Compensation Commission (5 Members/5 Year Terms – meets bi-annually)

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION: Please indicate your current (or most recent) employer, business address, phone #, your position and your duties/responsibilities (if retired, please provide your career):

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE, 7150 HARRIS DRIVE, DIMONDALE, MICHIGAN 48821, 517-331-7468, Manager of the Records Resource Section

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND (include highest grade completed or degrees held)

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT FROM LANSING COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

EXPERIENCE (Professional/Volunteer): Please list any prior professional or volunteer experience (City boards, churches, civic or community groups, memberships, associations, offices held, honors, etc.). Attach resume or additional page if necessary.

I'VE SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION FOR 1 1/2 YEARS. MEMBER OF THE CY ROAST COMMITTEE.

REASONS FOR SEEKING APPOINTMENT (qualifications, areas of interest, goals, special skills, training, etc.)

I'M SEEKING AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN MY COMMUNITY + MY GOVERNMENT. I'VE MANAGED A LARGE, BUSY OFFICE WITH LEGAL/STATUTORY COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Are there any reasons you may have a conflict of interest if you were appointed to a Board, Committee or Commission listed above? (Y/N) NO If yes, please explain:

N/A

Additional information you wish to include: I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DEWITT & I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING OUR CITY'S FUTURE SUCCESS.

REFERENCES (On a separate sheet, please list three non-family members, address and phone numbers)

If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 517 669-2441. It is the policy of the City of DeWitt to consider all applications without regard to race, religion, color, sex, age, marital status, national origin, or disability. Applications are kept for one year from the date submitted and are open for public inspection, upon request.

I certify that all statements made by me on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false, inaccurate, or omitted statements of a material fact could be a cause for rejection of my application. I have read, understand, and by my signature consent to these statements.

SIGNATURE: [Signature] DATE: 4/16/2024

Lance Gackstetter

References for Planning Commission Application

Reference One

Lori Hinkley

Michigan State Police, Retired

Lori Hinkley was my supervisor for seven years before retiring. I worked with Lori on several department projects including the launch of a statewide records application.

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Reference Two

Sheryl Landgraf

The DeWitt Ox Roast Company

Sheryl Landgraf is the president of The DeWitt Ox Roast Company. As a member of the Ox Roast Committee, I've worked with Sheryl for the last six months to ensure DeWitt's Ox Roast returns in 2024.

[REDACTED]

Reference Three

Allison Dain

Michigan State Police

Allison Dain is the assistant manager in my section. Allison and I have worked closely the last year to craft a leadership style that benefits our team while remaining focused on our mission.

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Staff Report for Council Agenda Item

Agenda Item: NB #2
Meeting Date: April 22, 2024

TO: Mayor Leeming and Council Members
FROM: Dan Coss, City Administrator
DATE: April 18, 2023
RE: DeWitt Police Department 2023 Annual Report

FACTS: Attached is the 2023 Annual Report for the City of DeWitt Police Department. Chief Ferguson will be in attendance to provide an overview of the Annual Report.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To receive and place on file the 2023 Annual Report for the DeWitt Police Department.

MOTION BY: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Ostrander _____	VanDyke _____
	Donohue _____	Kellogg _____
	Hunsaker _____	Whitman _____

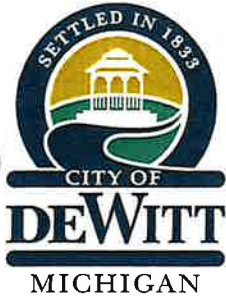
DEWITT POLICE DEPARTMENT

2023 Annual Report



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CHIEF BRUCE FERGUSON



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Mayor, City Council and the DeWitt Community,

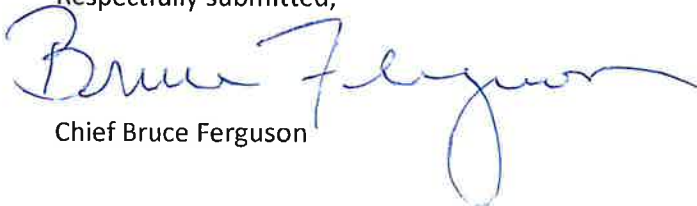
The city of DeWitt Police Department's 2023 annual report is a breakdown of reported crime, self-initiated activities, and quality of life issues that affect our community. We continue to look at crime statistics to predict trends in crime and public safety issues in DeWitt and Clinton County. We continue to provide a community policing focus to the service we provide to the citizens of DeWitt, to enhance the safe, quiet, hometown feel that the DeWitt community offers.

Mental health training will continue to be a priority for our department, as these issues affect our community, families, and our schools. I will continue to explore a way to bring mental health services to our community to help those individuals and families in need. We added a mental health MICR code to track how many mental health reports we investigate; this is the first year of keeping records and we documented 49 cases in our first year. Each year the Tri-County Crisis Intervention Team continues to host training for at least 40 law enforcement personnel. To date there have been 11 sessions. My goal is to have 100% of my department trained in CIT as the mental health crisis continues.

Fraud continues to evolve and change as we educate to reduce one type of fraud, they evolve into another that creates loss and hardship for those who are victimized. This past year there has been a change from online and email thefts to mail thefts from residential mailboxes and large blue boxes at the post offices. We were fortunate to have DeWitt residents who were observant and contacted the DeWitt Police Department as they were happening. Arrests were made and the investigation led to warrants issued in several neighboring counties.

Recruitment and retention of Police Officers continues to be a struggle through the law enforcement profession, with no resolution in sight.

Respectfully submitted,



Chief Bruce Ferguson

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MISSION STATEMENT

“Partners with the Community, Serving with Integrity and Dedication”.

Current Staffing:

The City of DeWitt Police Department consists of one (1) Chief, one (1) Sergeants with one Sergeant vacancy, four (4) full time sworn officers. There are (3) part-time sworn officers with (3) part-time vacancies and one (1) Administrative Assistant. We have officers on duty 24 hours per day, seven days per week and a 2023 annual operating budget of approximately \$1,021,448.

The following information contained in this document is actual numbers of reported incidents in the City of DeWitt during the calendar year of 2023. The information includes both criminal and non-criminal activity.

Part I Crimes: In 2023 we had a decrease in the number of Part I violent crimes. These crimes are described as Murder, Rape or Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC), Armed Robbery, Arson, Breaking and Entering, Larceny and Motor Vehicle Theft; at (19) and with (46) being reported in 2022.

Part 2 Crimes: Part 2 crimes are classified as those crimes that are not Part 1 crimes or all others. This category increased slightly in 2023 to 128, compared to 70 in 2022. Fraud and Forgery complaints continue to be steady as we use education and fraud alerts in hopes for some impact in the number. We did see a steady climb in the number of fraud complaints.

Arrests, Reports and Calls for Service: Arrests were down in 2023 at 13 with 17 warrants sought, down from 22 arrests and 21 warrants sought in 2022. Officers responded to a total of 727 dispatched initiated calls for service and 1782 self-initiated events in 2023, both dispatched and self-initiated calls were up slightly. Dispatched calls are received from citizens dialing 911 for service. The heaviest call for service was heaviest between the times of 2 pm and 11 pm, with peak time around 7 pm and busiest days are Monday through Friday. The DeWitt Police Department completed a total of 727 reports in 2023, up from 582 in 2022.

Accidents: In 2023 a total of 46 car accidents were reported, up from a total of 40 reported in 2022. The breakdown of the accident totals is as follows, 11 accidents were car deer accidents, non-injury accidents were 18, and 12 accidents were personal injury. The intersection of Herbison and DeWitt continues to have the most accidents with 9, with the month of September having 9 and March and December each having 6 accidents.

Citations:

In 2023 Officers issued a total of 128 citations. Of those citations 84 were for speed, 13 were for no proof of insurance, 15 were for other violations, such as accident violations.

Services to the Community:

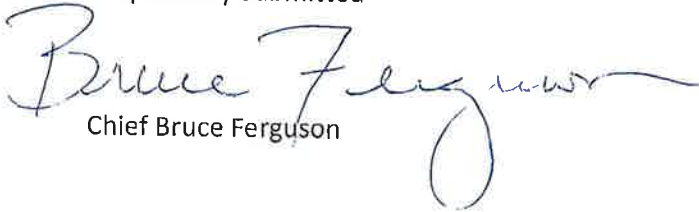
DeWitt residents are continuing to use the house check service while on vacation. Currently we have 56 active house checks in the system, and it continues to be one of the most requested services that we provide to the community. We feel doing house checks is a contributing factor reducing home invasions and larcenies in the city of DeWitt while our residents are not at home.

With DeWitt being one of the few Police agencies in Clinton County that will assist on vehicle lockouts, we average approximately 12 per year. We do fingerprinting for licensing, background checks and name changes, and we do house checks for our residents going out of town.

Conclusion:

We will continue to work cooperatively with our law enforcement partners in Clinton County and State of Michigan partners to solve crimes, make our schools, streets, and community events safe. We will also continue to educate our community on crime trends through our social media, quarterly newsletters and the city web page.

Respectfully Submitted


Chief Bruce Ferguson

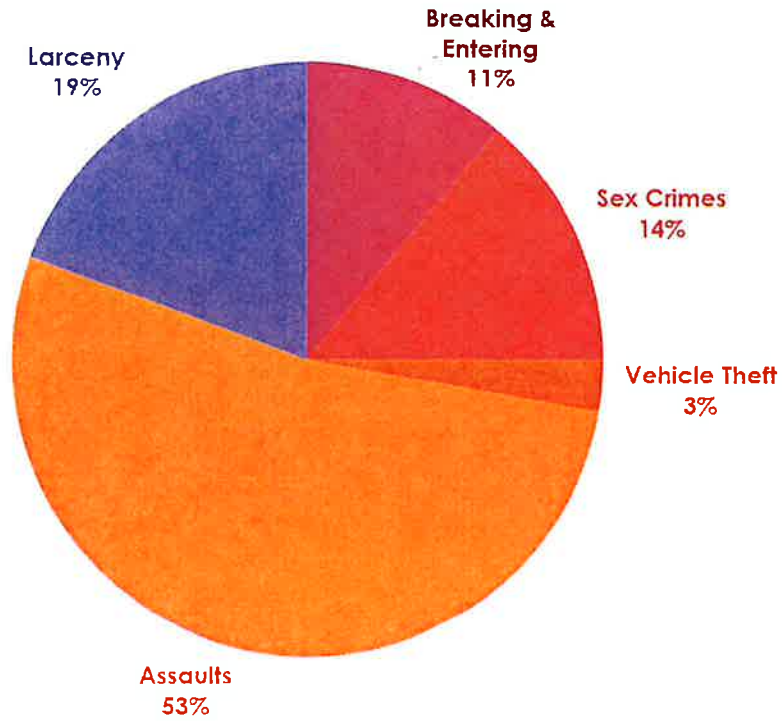


CITY OF DEWITT POLICE DEPARTMENT
Annual Activity Report

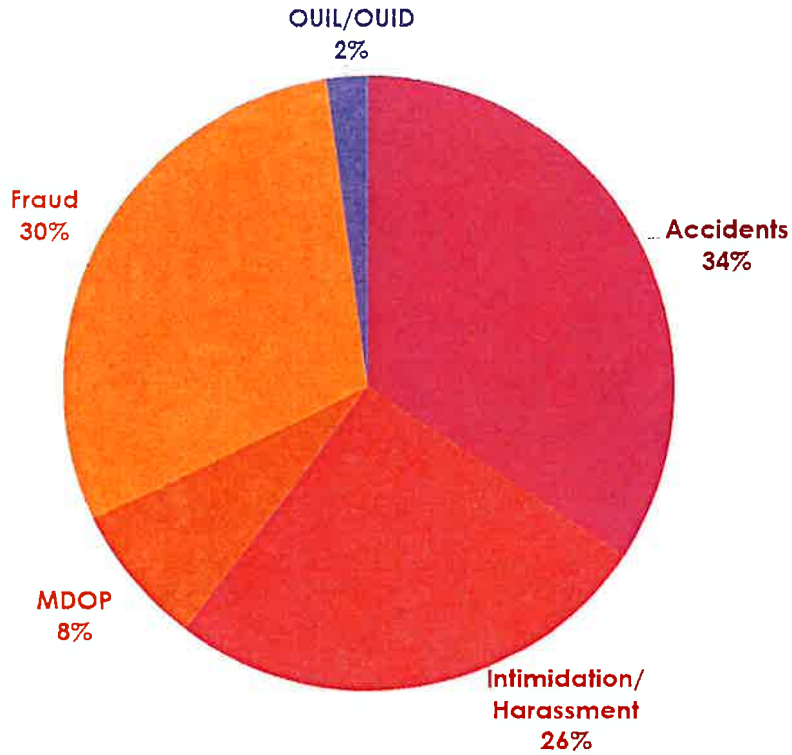


Incidents	2021 Complaints	2022 Complaints	2023 Complaints
Homicide	0	0	0
CSC / Sex Crimes	3	13	5
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assaults	1	3	2
Arson	0	1	0
Breaking and entering	7	10	4
Larceny/Stolen Property (R&C)	12	18	7
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	1
Fraud/Forgery	19	19	40
Damage to Property	11	12	10
Viol. Controlled Substance	3	0	2
Obstructing Justice	8	17	20
Weapons Offenses	0	3	2
Public Peace/Disorderly	10	10	37
Simple Assaults/ Domestic	6	9	17
OUIL/OUID	1	7	3
Suspended/Revoked	1	3	4
Accidents	37	40	46
Harassment/ Intimidation	23	39	35
RAW/ Missing Persons	32	20	11
Assist to Other Agencies	71	68	105
Service Calls	772	1026	2158
TOTAL REPORTS SUBMITTED	264	252	539
Total Dispatch Initiated Events	656	582	727
Total Officer Initiated Events	362	1104	1782
Moving Traffic Citations	13	154	128
Non-Moving Traffic Citations	4	2	1
Total Traffic Stops Made	146	243	562
Arrests/ Warrants Sought	9/15	22/21	13/17

2023 Part 1 Crime Stats



2023 Part 2 Crime Stats



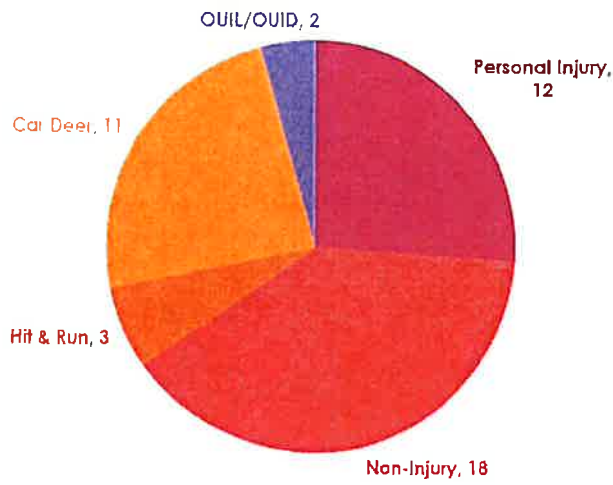
Definitions

- Aggravated Assault is an unlawful attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe or aggravated bodily injury. This type of assault is usually accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or great bodily harm.
- Burglary is the unlawful entry of a structure without obtaining permission to enter from the owner or occupant, agent, or person having immediate control of said structure.
- Retail Fraud is when a person in a store, while the store is open to the public, intentionally alters, transfers, removes and replaces, conceals, or in any other way misrepresents the price of an item with the intent to not pay for the item or to pay less than the actual price.
- Larceny is the unlawful taking, carrying, leading, or riding away of property from the possession or constructive possession of another.
- CSC is the carnal knowledge of a person - forcibly and against that person's will, or where the victim is incapable of giving consent because of his/her temporary or permanent mental or physical incapacity.
- Robbery is the taking or attempting to take anything of value from the care, custody, or control of a person or persons by force or threat of force or violence and/or putting the victim in fear.
- Sex Crimes is an act done for the sexual arousal of the offender or the attempted sexual arousal of the alleged victim. Common types of sex crimes include rape, sexual assault, indecent exposure, solicitation, and possession and distribution of obscene material.

Spotlights of 2023

- Natural Deaths- 6
- Child Neglect- 7
- Welfare Checks- 31
- Parking Tickets- 411
- # of nights with unlocked doors at DeWitt Public Schools- 64
- Vacation Check Homes- 42
- Peddler Licenses Issued- 3
- Purchase Permits Issued- 21
- Animal Complaints- 44
- # of reports taken regarding Mental Health- 49

Crash Breakdown



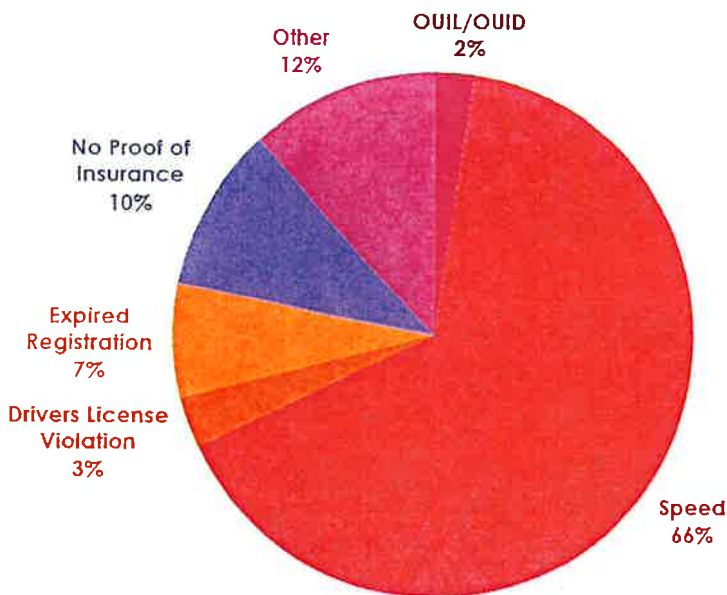
CRASHES BY MONTH

January	5
February	5
March	6
April	0
May	2
June	2
July	1
August	4
September	8
October	2
November	5
December	6

HIGH CRASH INTERSECTION REPORT

S DeWitt/ W Herbison	9
S Bridge/ E Webb	2

Ticket Breakdown by Violation



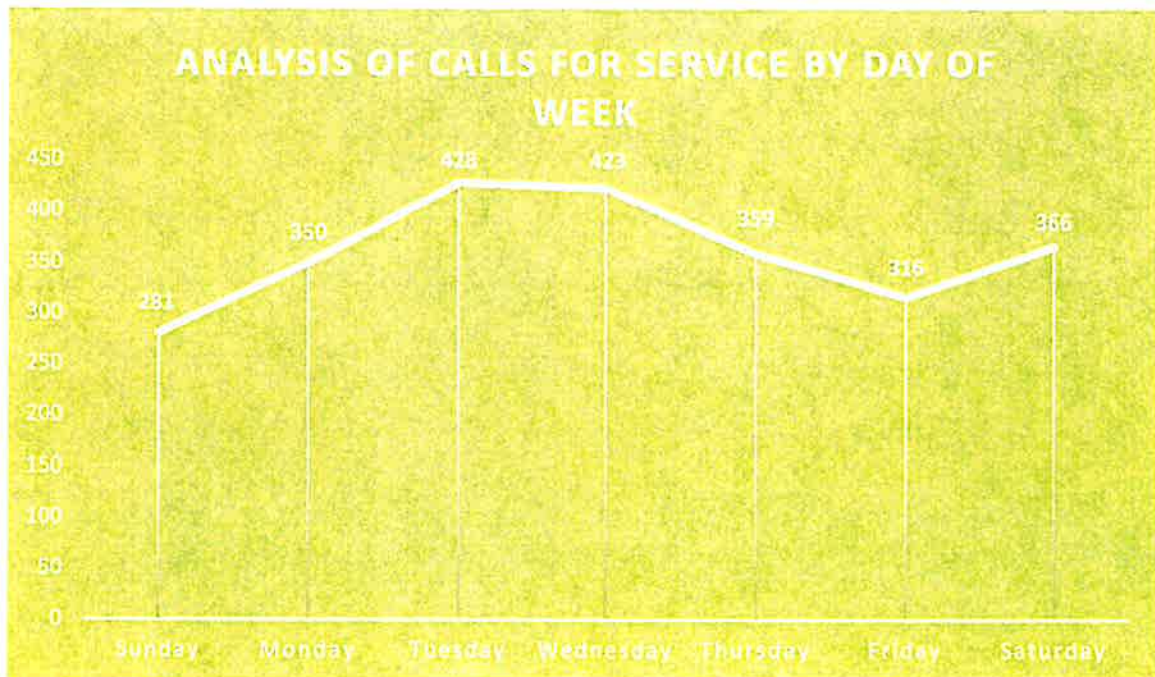
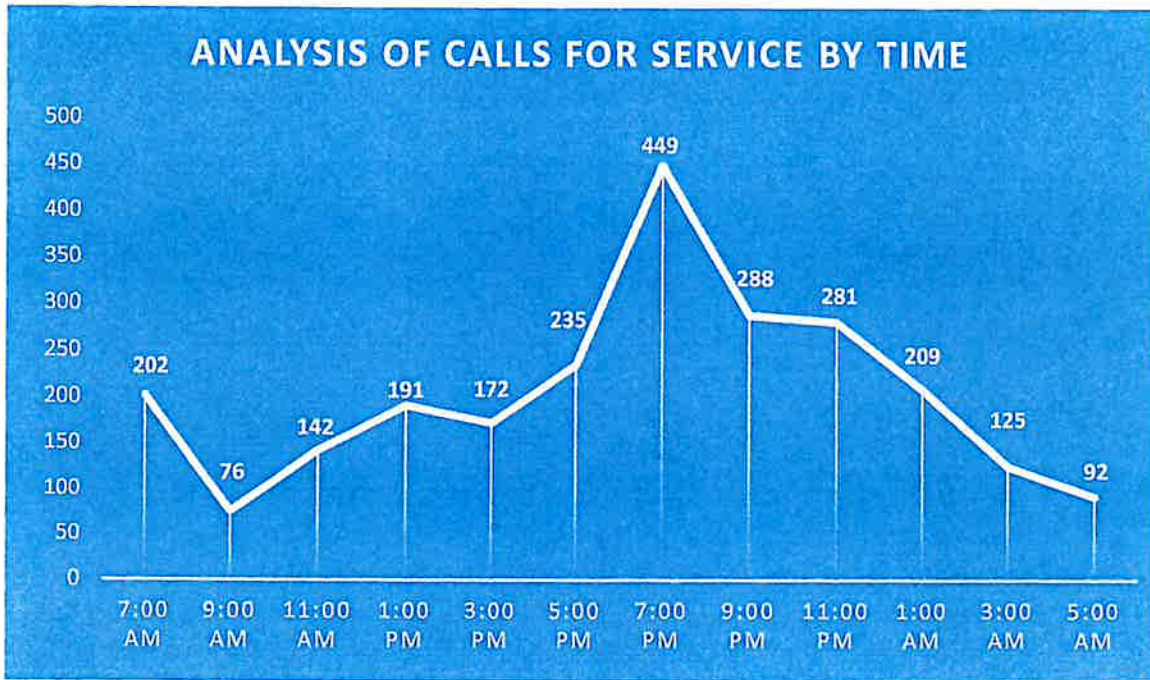
BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL TICKETS WRITTEN

Liquor and OUIL/OUID Violations	3
Speed	84
Driver's License Violations	4
No Proof of Insurance	13
Expired Registration	9
Other	15
Total	128

Traffic and Arrest 5-Year Trends



Call Analysis



INFORMATIONAL

Weekly Market Commentary

04/12/2024

World Headlines

- 1. Inflation is staying sticky.** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose in March on a year-over-year basis to +3.5%, while the Producer Price Index (PPI) was up +2.1% over the same period. The CPI is now at its highest year-over-year rate since last September. NOTE: The year-over-year CPI rate in January was only +3.1%. The Producer Price Index (wholesale inflation) number of +2.1% from a year-over-year is still the highest number in 11-months.
- 2. Treasury yields continue higher.** With the higher inflation reports this week, Treasury yields continued to their highest levels of the year with the 2-year yield up to 4.97% and the 10-year yield at 4.59%. In addition, Fed Funds Futures now point to only 1 ½ Fed rate cuts this year with the projected December rate at 4.92%. NOTE: The current effective Fed Funds Rate is 5.38%. The 2-year yield is now a good proxy for what the bond market thinks the Fed Funds Rate will be at year end.
- 3. Tax Day is coming.** Here are several notable items about the federal income tax from the last year of IRS reporting (2021) and reported by the Tax Foundation.
 - In 2021, taxpayers filed 153.6 million tax returns, reporting earnings of more than \$14.7 trillion in adjusted gross income (AGI) and paid nearly \$2.2 trillion in individual income taxes.
 - The top 1% (incomes >\$682,577) paid 26.3% of all income taxes in 2021, up from 22.2% in 2020.
 - The top 50% of all taxpayers (incomes >\$46,637) paid 97.7% of all federal individual taxes in 2021.
 - In 2021, the bottom 50% of taxpayers earned 10.4% of total AGI but paid only 2.3% of all federal income taxes.

Economic Reports

- 1.** NFIB Small Business Optimism Index for March dropped to a reading of 88.5. This figure is now at an 11-year low as sales expectations moved lower and inflationary pressures remain a pressure point, according to the National Federation of Independent Business. This reading has now moved lower in 7 of the last 8 months.
- 2.** Consumer Price Index for March rose a tick more than expected at +0.4%, with the year-over-year rate moving up to 3.5%. On a core basis (ex. food and energy), the month-over-month increase was +0.4% and year-over-year was +3.8%. This was the third straight month that the reported inflation rate exceeded the estimate. There was no standout data point in this report, just a consistent rise higher in prices.
- 3.** Wholesale Trade from February increased by a much more than expected +2.3% from the prior month (almost 3x the estimate). This was the biggest monthly increase since March 2022 and likely means that retailers are restocking due to increased demand.

4. Producer Price Index in March was a lower than expected +0.2% from the prior month. On a year-over-year basis, this wholesale inflation index was +2.1% higher.
5. University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index for April unexpectedly fell to a reading of 77.9 (prior month was 79.4). The theme of the report is that Consumer Sentiment moved lower as inflation expectations increased, reinforcing Americans' frustrations with high prices.

Markets this Week (mid-day Friday)

1. U.S. Dollar Index – higher...DXY at 105.94, up +1.61% so far this week (1 yr. range = 99.77 to 107.00)
2. Bond yields – higher...2-year Treasury yield up to 4.88%; 10-year gains to 4.51%
3. Stocks – lower...all five major global indexes we track are lower in the 1-2% range
4. Commodities – mixed...4 of 6 sectors are higher, led upward by Precious Metals

Next Week

1. Economic Reports

- Retail Sales, NAHB Homebuilder Index, Housing Starts, Industrial Production, Leading Economic Index, Existing Home Sales
 - US consensus QoQ real GDP est.: Q1 = +2.0%, Q2 = +1.4%, Q3 = +1.2%, Q4 = +1.5%
 - US consensus YoY inflation est.: Q1 = +3.2%, Q2 = +3.1%, Q3 = +2.8%, Q4 = +2.8%

2. Earnings Reports (Q1 earnings season started 4/12)

- Q1-2024 S&P 500 EPS current estimate of the fourth quarter = +3.9%.
- Q1-2024 S&P 500 summary to date: 24 reported; 76% beat; YoY EPS = +3.7%
- YoY S&P 500 forward EPS estimates >> Q1 = +3.9%, Q2 = +9.5%, Q3 = +8.9%, Q4 = +13.2%

3. Events

- Tax Day on April 15th
- Fed Beige Book
- IMF / World Bank Spring meetings in Washington

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GL Number	Invoice Line Desc	Vendor	Invoice Date	Invoice	Amount
Fund 101 GENERAL FUND					
Dept 000					
101-000-070.000	MICROSOFT AGREEMENT	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145215	28.00
101-000-070.000	CLOUD PROTECTION	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145217	35.00
101-000-070.000	DF FIRE LIGHT BULBS	WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP	04/17/24	291730	182.90
101-000-084.002	MICROSOFT AGREEMENT	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145215	16.30
101-000-084.002	CLOUD PROTECTION	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145217	12.00
101-000-256.000	COMMUNITY ROOM REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT	LISA LAMB	04/17/24	04082024	150.00
Total For Dept 000					424.20
Dept 172 ADMINISTRATOR					
101-172-716.000	MONTHLY FEE FOR SECTION 125 PLAN BASIC INSURANCE		04/05/24	IN3049264	11.60
Total For Dept 172 ADMINISTRATOR					11.60
Dept 238 RETIREE BENEFITS					
101-238-716.000	HEALTH/DENTAL	PHP MEDICARE	04/17/24	24092011903	88.00
Total For Dept 238 RETIREE BENEFITS					88.00
Dept 250 CLERK-TREASURER					
101-250-716.000	MONTHLY FEE FOR SECTION 125 PLAN BASIC INSURANCE		04/05/24	IN3049264	6.96
Total For Dept 250 CLERK-TREASURER					6.96
Dept 265 CITY HALL/GROUNDS					
101-265-724.000	UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE	04/17/24	03312024	1,366.54
101-265-740.000	COPIER CHARGES	APPLIED INNOVATIONS	04/17/24	2485722	538.30
101-265-805.000	REFUSE SERVICE	GRANGER CONTAINER SERVICE,	04/17/24	26639644	18,316.35
101-265-805.001	RECYCLING	GRANGER CONTAINER SERVICE,	04/17/24	26637493	8,921.35
101-265-809.000	APEX SKETCHING SOFTWARE	APEX SOFTWARE	04/17/24	326487	130.00
101-265-809.000	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145215	47.00
101-265-809.000	CLOUD PROTECTION	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145217	45.00
101-265-850.000	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	AT&T	04/17/24	517R01318804	6.00
101-265-850.000	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	COMCAST	04/17/24	198842830	472.84
101-265-926.000	102 N. BRIDGE STREET - STREET LI	CONSUMERS ENERGY	04/16/24	STATEMENT	8,982.73
101-265-927.000	414 E. MAIN STREET STE A	CONSUMERS ENERGY	04/16/24	STATEMENT	3,484.33
101-265-930.000	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	DAZZLE CLEANING SERVICE	04/17/24	3294	95.40
101-265-930.000	REPAIR/MAINTENANCE	DAZZLE CLEANING SERVICE	04/17/24	3394	95.40
101-265-930.000	WATER SAMPLER BOILER	ENERCO	04/17/24	INV012463	80.00
101-265-930.000	CITY HALL HVAC PARTS	GRAINGER IND & COMM EQUIP	04/17/24	9075315243	26.54
101-265-930.000	CITY HALL HVAC PARTS	GRAINGER IND & COMM EQUIP	04/17/24	9075315250	8.11
Total For Dept 265 CITY HALL/GROUNDS					42,615.89
Dept 301 POLICE					
101-301-716.000	MONTHLY FEE FOR SECTION 125 PLAN BASIC INSURANCE		04/05/24	IN3049264	32.48
101-301-719.000	POLICE EQUIP - HOLSTER	BRUCE FERGUSON	04/17/24	04082024	15.90
101-301-740.000	COPIER CHARGES	APPLIED INNOVATIONS	04/17/24	2485722	179.44
101-301-809.000	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145215	159.30
101-301-809.000	CLOUD PROTECTION	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145217	53.00
101-301-850.000	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	COMCAST	04/17/24	198842830	236.42
101-301-850.000	FAX	WBI, INC.	04/17/24	STATEMENT	28.53
Total For Dept 301 POLICE					705.07
Dept 336 FIRE					
101-336-927.000	3390 W. HOWE ROAD	CONSUMERS ENERGY	04/16/24	STATEMENT	42.68
Total For Dept 336 FIRE					42.68

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Fund 101 GENERAL FUND					
Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES					
101-441-716.000	MONTHLY FEE FOR SECTION 125 PLAN	BASIC INSURANCE	04/05/24	IN3049264	23.20
101-441-740.000	CLEAN & ORGANIZE FIRST AID CABIN	CINTAS	04/17/24	5206204841	7.15
101-441-740.000	OPERATING SUPPLIES	PURITY CYINDER GASES	04/17/24	193440	233.65
101-441-809.000	COMPUTER SUPPORT SERVICES	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145215	16.60
101-441-809.000	CLOUD PROTECTION	VC3 INC.	04/17/24	145217	10.00
101-441-850.000	TELEPHONE/INTERNET	COMCAST	04/17/24	198842830	78.80
101-441-927.000	907 W. MAIN	CONSUMERS ENERGY	04/16/24	STATEMENT	773.94
101-441-930.000	LIGHT BULBS	WESCO RECEIVABLES CORP	04/17/24	291730	331.35
101-441-970.000	BATTERY CHARGER	TSC TRACTOR SUPPLY	04/17/24	623394	299.99
Total For Dept 441 PUBLIC SERVICES					1,774.68
Dept 721 PLANNING COMMISSION					
101-721-801.000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	BECKETT & RAEDER	04/17/24	2024324	380.00
Total For Dept 721 PLANNING COMMISSION					380.00
Dept 751 PARKS FACILITIES					
101-751-740.000	MAGNETIC SWEEPER	MENARDS-LANSING WEST	04/17/24	73495	39.99
101-751-927.000	113 E. DILL	CONSUMERS ENERGY	04/16/24	STATEMENT	226.71
101-751-930.000	RIVER TRAIL PAVILION - REPAIRS	MENARDS-LANSING WEST	04/17/24	73470	1,791.83
Total For Dept 751 PARKS FACILITIES					2,058.53
Total For Fund 101 GENERAL FUND					48,107.61

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Fund 202 MAJOR STREET					
Dept 000					
202-000-740.002	NO PARKNG SIGNS	DORNBOS SIGN & SAFETY INC	04/17/24	INV75190	391.40
202-000-740.003	53.54 TONS OF SALT	DETROIT SALT COMPANY	04/17/24	SI24-24836	3,254.70
			Total For Dept 000		3,646.10
			Total For Fund 202 MAJOR STREET		3,646.10

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Fund 249 BUILDING DEPARTMENT					
Dept 000					
249-000-801.000	BUILDING AND TRADE PERMIT INSPEC	DEWITT CHARTER TOWNSHIP	04/17/24	24-0000881	2,359.00
Total For Dept 000					2,359.00
Total For Fund 249 BUILDING DEPARTMENT					2,359.00

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Fund 592 WATER/SEWER Dept 000 592-000-809.000	APEX SKETCHING SOFTWARE	APEX SOFTWARE	04/17/24	326487	130.00
			Total For Dept 000		130.00
			Total For Fund 592 WATER/SEWER		130.00

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Fund 661 MOTOR POOL					
Dept 000					
661-000-751.001	GAS/OIL POLICE 50% OF GASOLINE	EISELER OIL COMPANY	04/17/24	266386	358.79
661-000-751.003	GAS/OIL DPW 50% OF GASOLINE	EISELER OIL COMPANY	04/17/24	266386	358.79
661-000-930.003	STEEL FOR DUMP REPAIR	ALRO STEEL CORP	04/17/24	EDE7159LZ	172.91
661-000-930.003	ANNUAL TRUCK INSPECTION - REPAIR	ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.	04/17/24	51408305	1,287.81
661-000-930.003	ANNUAL TRUCK INSPECTION - REPAIR	ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.	04/17/24	51412312	1,339.97
661-000-930.003	STREET SWEEPER PARTS	BELL EQUIPMENT COMPANY	04/17/24	P23778	207.92
661-000-930.003	2012 DUMP FRONT END PART	FLEETPRIDE	04/17/24	115900069	11.59
661-000-930.003	F250 HEATER VALVE	PAULI FORD MERCURY	04/17/24	516648	24.83
Total For Dept 000					3,762.61
Total For Fund 661 MOTOR POOL					3,762.61

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Fund Totals:

Fund 101 GENERAL FUND	48,107.61
Fund 202 MAJOR STREET	3,646.10
Fund 249 BUILDING DEPARTMENT	2,359.00
Fund 592 WATER/SEWER	130.00
Fund 661 MOTOR POOL	3,762.61
Total For All Funds:	<hr/> 58,005.32

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ware called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and Commissioner Lee led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ware, Patterson, Lee, Rondeau, VanDyke

Members Excused: Vacancy, Clement

STAFF:

City Administrator Daniel Coss, Clerk-Treasurer Sarah Stoltzfus

AUDIENCE:

None

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **the Planning Commission's agenda for January 25, 2024, be approved, with the addition of Election of Officers as New Business #1. MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Commissioner Patterson, seconded by Commissioner Lee and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **the minutes of the August 24, 2023, Regular Planning Commission Meeting be approved as presented. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Election of Officers

Motion by Patterson, seconded by Commissioner VanDyke and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission **to approve the declared nominations for officers of the Planning Commission. Commissioner Ware was nominated as Chair, Commissioner Rondeau nominated as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Patterson nominated as Secretary.**

2. Discussion on Parking Requirements/Mixed-Use Buildings-Central Business District

Planning Commission reviewed the zoning ordinance in regards to how they relate to parking requirements and mixed-use buildings in the Central Business District. DISCUSSION ONLY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Commissioner VanDyke, seconded by Commissioner Patterson and carried by unanimous vote of the Planning Commission that **this meeting be adjourned at 7:57 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Stoltzfus,
Clerk-Treasurer

City of Dewitt, MI:

Daily Management Report for 4/17/2024:

Invoice Type	YTD #	YTD \$	MTD #	MTD \$	Day #	Day \$	Paperless #	AutoPay #
Summer Tax	4	\$10,047.75	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	57
Winter Tax	138	\$130,985.56	0	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	66
Utility	1,138	\$162,003.41	178	\$25,400.09	6	\$746.70	1,020	581
Misc./General Receipts	98	\$13,410.61	23	\$2,913.71	2	\$144.00	0	0
Building Permits	78	\$13,674.00	14	\$2,732.00	2	\$703.00	0	0





This is a Special Edition of the Chamber News designed to promote Member Announcements, Specials, and Events!



Ribbon Cutting

... Postponed ...

The DeWitt Chamber had planned a Ribbon Cutting for the 3rd week of April to welcome Brandon and Kate Slotman to DeWitt and to celebrate the opening of their new bakery, Freshies.

However, due to unexpected construction delays, the Ribbon Cutting has been postponed to a later date.



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Freshiesbakery.com

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Global Leadership Summit

The **Global Leadership Summit** is a two-day event with world class leaders focused on delivering actionable content in a setting designed to help create personalized applications for your team and business. The dates for this year's event are August 8-9 (Thursday-Friday) and a local host site (Northpointe Community Church, 505 E Webb) in Dewitt means no travel or lodging costs for you or your team.

This year's team of speakers include legendary Duke basketball coach, Mike ("Coach K") Kruzewski, Marcus Buckingham (author of *The StrengthsFinder*), Molly Fletcher (former sports agent for Coach Izzo of MSU), Amy Edmondson (Harvard Business School and author *The Fearless Organization, Right Kind of Wrong*), Arthur Brooks (Harvard professor and author *Build the Life You Want, From Strength to Strength*), Kindra Hall (storytelling expert and author *Stories that Stick*), Joni Eareckson Tada (national disability advocate), and more.

Northpointe is one of 300 sites around the US that will host 100,000 people for the Global Leadership Summit.

Super Early Bird registration is only \$179. If you're interested in bringing your team (6 or more), registration cost is only \$139. Super Early Bird rate lasts through May 8th.

For more information, contact Rick Ruble at Northpointe Community Church (517.669.5133 x108) and check out <https://globalleadership.org/summit/>.



New data shows how Michigan school districts compare to districts in top-performing states.

This month, [Launch Michigan](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to reimagining Michigan's public education system, released a dashboard with new data showing how Michigan school districts compare to similar districts in top-performing states in reading and math proficiency, graduation rate and other metrics. Prior to this, Michigan school districts could only be compared against each other.

Launch Michigan's analysis shows that Michigan districts are underperforming their national comparison districts in important performance areas:

- 7 out of 8 Michigan districts do worse than national comparison districts in math.
- 70% of Michigan districts underperform in reading compared to similar districts in top-performing states.
- 71% of Michigan districts underperform their national comparison districts in graduation rate.

Using publicly available data, Launch Michigan worked with AEM Corporation to create the data set and [district comparison dashboard tool](#), which allows people to see how individual school districts in Michigan compare to similar districts in states with high education performance based on key characteristics like district size, socioeconomic status, race and ethnicity demographics, language learners and students with disabilities, among others.

Michigan's lag in performance didn't happen overnight. Decades of band-aid fixes and a lack of investment led to Michigan falling behind most states – not due to lack of effort from educators, but from a broken system.

Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994, Michigan ranks dead last among states in total education revenue growth ([Arsen, 2019](#)) and 48th among the states in per pupil funding growth ([Addonizio and Arsen, 2024](#)).

A deeply rooted problem requires a systems-level change, which is why Launch Michigan is pushing for a stronger focus on career and college readiness and increased resources invested strategically, all with a focus on equity to ensure all students have the tools to learn and be successful.

[Education](#) is foundational to Michigan's economic success and SBAM supports the [Launch Michigan](#) educational reform framework as a way to focus on skills needed to compete in today's economy while also providing a quality and well-rounded education.

This report can be found on SBAM's website. SBAM.org SBAM's website is a great resource tool for small businesses. Recently passed legislation, legislation being proposed, and other issues affecting small business.

Attention Chamber Members: Do you have an event, special, or event you would like to promote in our Wednesday Special Edition?

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