Thursday, October 1, 2026
DeWitt City Hall, 414 E. Main St, DeWitt, MI 48820

1. **CALL TO ORDER SISTER CITY COMMUNITY BOARD:**
   The Regular Sister City Community Board Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

2. **WELCOME**
   ROLL CALL:
   Members Present: Dawn Pysarchik, Dustin Earley, Martin Ackley, Benjamin Miller, and Andy Smith

   Excused: Logan McCarthy, Steve Musselman, Roma Rogers, Peggy Brown

   Others present: Kosuke Furugo, Shiga Visiting Official; Alyssa Ramirez, DeWitt City Clerk; and Daniel Coss, DeWitt City Manager (left the meeting at 5:15 p.m.)

   AUDIENCE:
   None

   PUBLIC COMMENT:
   None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
   Motion by Ackley, seconded by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote of the Sister City Board that **the agenda be approved with the addition to the agenda for the new DeWitt Charter Township Board member as item number 5a.**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
   Motion by Earley, seconded by Ackley, and carried by unanimous vote of the Sister City Board **to approve the May 21, 2026 Regular Sister City Board Meeting Minutes as presented.**

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   a. **Introduction of new DeWitt Charter Township Sister City Board member: Andy Smith**
   b. **Introduction of new Shiga Visiting Official: Kosuke Furugo**
   c. **2026 Goodwill Mission (Incoming)**
      Pysarchik noted that this will be the Koka and DeWitt 20-year anniversary
      i. **Michigan-Shiga Sister State Goodwill Missionary Itinerary**
         The Board made the adjustments to the itinerary.
      ii. **Host Family Recruitment**
      iii. **DeWitt Goodwill Mission Day: November 16, 2026**
         1. **DeWitt Community Day Itinerary**
         2. **Luncheon Agenda**
         3. **Luncheon Catering**
         4. **Gifts for Delegates: T-shirts, Michigan gifts, City and Township items**
         5. **Hanging the DeWitt Sister City Banner in downtown DeWitt**
         6. **Official letters:**
            i. ~~**Letter to Mayor Hiroki Iwanaga, Mayor of Koka, from Sue Leeming and Rick Galardi**~~
            ii. **Letter to Koka International Society from DeWitt Sister City Community Board**

d. Update on 2026-27 DeWitt-Koka Middle School and High School Exchanges

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Board Members: City and Township Representatives

b. DeWitt Sister City Community Website Update

State of Michigan is hiring a professional organization to complete this work

7. NEXT MEETING DATE:

November 29, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ackley and seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Ramirez
City Clerk

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