

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 1, 2010**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Hart (excused) and Trustee Jahr (excused). Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Public Safety Interim Director McClanahan, DPW Director Knepper, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-eight (28).

Supervisor White thanked Girl Scout Troops 20449 and 20843 for leading the pledge of allegiance tonight.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes May 17, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes May 18, 2010 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Trustee Partridge read a letter on behalf of Quirk Subdivision Concern Committee expressing their gratitude and appreciation to Wayne County Commissioner McNamara thanking him for assisting in having the culvert installed at Endicott and McBride which will provide a pathway for Quirk Subdivision over the ditch. The letter further, thanked Director Swallow and Trustee Ostrowski for their assistance.

Clerk Wright read a letter thanking Bob and Marie Krouse for placing American flags on veteran's graves at the township cemeteries.

Supervisor White read a letter from a resident who attended a recent CCW class who commented on the professional manner the following officers: Lieutenant Brooks, Detective Abdilla, Sergeant Bazy, Officer Toney and Officer Sweet in conducting the CCW class.

Executive Assistant Ireland read correspondence regarding the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Standard & Poor's rating of A+ and briefly reviewed this rating noting this is a very good rating. Director Swallow stated Standard and Poor's also released the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) rating of AA- and briefly reviewed this rating which is an improvement to the LDFA bond rating.

Treasurer Budd reiterated the letter Supervisor White read regarding the police officers stating each officer received a detailed letter from the resident who requested the letters be put in the officer's personal files. Treasurer Budd further thanked Interim Director McClanahan for allowing the officers to hold the CCW training, to have these letters placed in the officers personal files and requested Interim Director McClanahan to thank each of the officers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of [Ordinance 05-18-10\(1\)](#), an ordinance to repeal the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter

58, Article VIII, Offenses Concerning Underage Persons Section 58-365, Curfew for Minors and Replace with new Chapter 58, Article VIII, Offenses Concerning Underage Persons, Section 58-365 Curfew for Minors. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Ostrowski, Partridge and White. Nays: None. Absent: Hart (excused) and Jahr (excused). Carried.

\*(A copy of the synopsis of [Ordinance 05-18-10\(1\)](#) follows the minutes. Copies of the full ordinance may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Budd moved, Partridge to remove Unfinished Business Item # 2 "Consider second reading for adoption of Ordinance 05-18-10(2), an Ordinance to amend the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Article VIII, Offenses Concerning Underage Persons to add new Section 58-361, Minors Attending Public Places During School Hours." Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Partridge seconded to accept the 2009 Audits from Plante & Moran. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the first reading of [Ordinance 06-01-10](#), to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended, to include revised regulations for Section 4.14 Accessory Building, Structures and Uses. Carried.

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Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the appointment of James Ayer to the Local Development Finance Authority with term to expire August 12, 2010 and to approve the appointment of Nick Armelagos to the Local Development Finance Authority as Van Buren Public Schools representative with term to expire August 12, 2011. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to accept the proposal from Wade Trim to provide Environmental Services, which will be included in Van Buren Township's grant application for funding an Ecorse Road Sanitary Sewer project. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the appointment of P. Ramone Crowe, Jr. to the Public Safety Committee with term to expire July 30, 2011 and to accept P. Ramone Crowe, Jr. resignation from the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) as an alternate with a letter of thanks to be sent acknowledging his service. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the reappointments of Robert Cook and Walter Rochowiak to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2012. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the June 1, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright made the following announcements: The dual absentee applications to request to receive an absentee ballot for the August 3, 2010 Primary and November 2, 2010 General elections have been mailed. For additional information regarding elections contact the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909. Also, the repairs to the ADA drop box located in front of Public Safety have been completed and the ADA drop box has been reinstalled. Lastly, Clerk Wright announced an

experimental change to the Township Administrative Offices to have summer hours from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. effective June 7, 2010 to September 3, 2010 noting regular business hours will resume on September 7, 2010 following the Labor Day holiday. Payments can be made by utilizing the 24 hour drop box in the Public Safety Department lobby or the ADA drop box located in front of the Public Safety Department.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents that dog licenses expired on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Treasurer Budd further, stated as of today the Township has issued 494 dog licenses and last year almost 900 dog licenses were issued. The cost of a dog license starting June 1<sup>st</sup> is \$10.

The Belleville Chamber of Commerce Dock Party will be held on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Johnny's on the Lake Restaurant.

Saint Anthony's Church will be holding the following dinners during the Strawberry Festival: Saturday a half chicken dinner and Sunday a polish dinner.

A resident had brief discussion with Board members regarding the Committee and Commission appointment process.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:45 p.m. to 8:49 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Wayne Commissioner McNamara and local road conditions.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_.