

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 20, 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 Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Hart (excused). Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Chief Loyer, Interim Public Safety Director McClanahan, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-six (46).

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes July 6, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes July 6, 2010 as corrected. Carried.

Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Special Work Study Session Minutes July 12, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: John Delaney, resident, inquired to the Supervisor about the status of the email he sent last week regarding the enforcement of Township Ethics Policy as it pertains to employees with outside employment.

Supervisor White read a thank you letter from a resident who attended the CCW training course.

Supervisor White read an email from Cathy Horste, Historical Society representative, regarding the closure of Belleville Lake for the Lucky Ducky Rubber Duckie race on August 12th between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in accordance with DNR and Michigan Gaming regulations. For questions regarding this event contact Cathy Horste at 734-697-3662.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Agreement between the Township and Michigan Lawn Management for surplus grass cutting and related services for enforcement of the grass and weeds ordinance. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Carl McClanahan as Public Safety Director and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr and Budd. Absent: Hart (excused). Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the reappointments of Michael Miazga, Raymond Bailey and Diane Madigan to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire July 30, 2012. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, White, Jahr, Ostrowski and Partridge. Nays: Budd. (Treasurer Budd stated she is voting against the process and would like to have a policy in place for how appointments are done and is not voting against the people being appointed.) Absent: Hart (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to accept the notice from the legal counsel of Visteon Corporation withdrawing its rezoning application, Case number 10-001, pursuant to the letter from Dickinson-Wright dated July 20, 2010, noting that this rezoning application is now closed and any future consideration by the Township Board would require a new application with the associated written notice to the surrounding property owners, going into public hearings, review by the Planning Commission and that recommendation would then go to the Board of Trustees for Board action. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the July 20, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White ordered the May 2010 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd reminded residents the 2010 tax summer deadline has been extended to September 30th noting there is a drop slot in the Public Safety Department Lobby and an ADA drop box located in front of the Public Safety Department for payments after hours and weekends.

Director Swallow stated Planning Commissioner Boyton has expressed his thanks to Board members and residents of the township who have wished him well during the recent loss of his father and recuperation from foot surgery.

Clerk Wright made the following announcements. The next Board Meeting will be on August 17th due to the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3rd. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Van Buren Township and Recall Corporation will host a free “Shred Day” on Saturday, August 14th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Residents may drop off at the township front parking lot a maximum of five cartons or medium size bags of documents per vehicle to be shredded. No three ring binders or metal of any kind please. A list of acceptable documents is posted at Van Buren website www.vanburen-mi.org and cable channel 12. Lastly, payments and election mail (applications for absentee ballots and ballots) can be made by utilizing the drop slot, located in the Public Safety Department Lobby or the ADA drop box located in front of Public Safety Department.

Director Ross made the following announcements. The Parks and Recreation Department has received funding from Community Development Block Grant and the Van Buren Civic Fund to go towards the construction of ADA swing sets at Quirk Park. The Wayne County Community College District has partnered with the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation for a Family Learning Adventure Day/Stomping out Childhood Obesity to be held on Saturday, July 31st at the Western Wayne County Community Campus. Lastly, the Van Buren Park beach is closed until further notice to allow for cleanup of debris from trees caused by recent storms. For further information contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Supervisor White stated during a recent thunderstorm the tree at the corner Township Hall property was struck by lightning and there was a short disruption in the Public Safety Dispatch.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 9:07 p.m. to 9:55 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: maintenance of dirt roads both private and public, policy regarding appointments to committees and commissions, hiring process, bond percent reduction request for Harmony Lane road assessment, Board of Construction Appeals hearing regarding foundations, complaints regarding the Detroit Water and Sewer Tyler Road project and the location of a temporary batch site for construction work for I-275 noting the resident requested no further permits of this type be issued for this location.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.