

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2011**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Board Room.

Treasurer Budd paid tribute to Pat Cullin who passed away on January 5, 2011. She served the Township as Clerk from 1972 until 1976 and as Supervisor from 1976 to 1982. A moment of silence was requested prior to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: Trustee Jahr. Others in attendance: DPW Director Knepper, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Secretary Ireland and an audience of twenty-four (24).

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Partridge moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 13, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of December 13, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Wright read a correspondence and introduced Daphne Rice. She is on a journey to become a future Ms. America. The community was asked to support her on Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. in the community room of the Village Green Complex.

Trustee Partridge informed audience and Board Members that the Wild Swan Theater's performance of "Owl's Winter" on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Life Empowerment Centre.

Public Safety Director McClanahan announced that the township's traffic unit was the recipient of the 2010 Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Award for Excellence in Traffic Safety and also received a \$5,000 grant.

Public Safety Director McClanahan read a letter of appreciation he received from a resident regarding the professionalism and quick response of the Van Buren Township Fire Department, Huron Valley Ambulance and the 9-1-1 on December 22, 2010.

Director Ross informed the audience that the Warm Weather Coat Drive held from October 11 through December 6, 2010 provided over 127 coats that were distributed at the Goodfellows event.

Treasurer Budd thanked Pam Fleming and recognized all the hard work, along with the Public Safety Department and the crew that helps her with the Goodfellows.

The collection of the winter tax bills has been extended to February 28, 2010. There is a mail drop box in the parking lot at township hall and a drop box in the Public Safety Department lobby.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-28 approving disposal of increased quantities of bio-solid materials for limited winter-time periods by Waste Management, Inc. at the Woodlands Meadows Recycling and Disposal Facility. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Partridge, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Ostrowski: Absent and excused: Jahr. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-01 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines [for 2011]. Carried.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to approve the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 236 Union Contract effective from October 7, 2009 through December 31, 2011. Carried.

Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-02 and to authorize the Supervisor to sign Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit Number A-11045. Carried.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-03 and to authorize the Supervisor to sign Wayne County Annual Pavement Restoration Permit Number A-11100. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-04 Wade Trim Engineering Services 2011 Rate Schedule. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Animal Sheltering Agreement and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the appointment of James Ayer to the Local Development Authority with term to expire August 12, 2014. (Treasurer requested that a letter of appreciation be sent to resigning member Mr. McKanders for his years of service.) Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve proposal by McKenna Associates to provide Interim Director of Planning and Economic Development Services; to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement and to allocate funding as follows: \$25,000 from fund balance, \$3,100 from 101-370-719-000 [fringes] and \$7,300 from 101-370-702-000 [wages] to 101-370-819-000 Contracted Services. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to accept the attorney's recommendation on case number 09-14506, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to deny the waiver of attorney client communication dated November 9, 2010 as recommended by the attorney. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the January 11, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department is holding a Parks and Recreation Master Plan Workshop on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Van Buren Township Hall to hear from the public their vision for the Parks and Recreation Department over the next five (5) years. For information the Parks and Recreation Department contact at 734.699.8926.

The Recreation Department is being nominated for the following three (3) program awards: Outstanding Community Partnership [HVA and Camp 911], Outstanding Innovative Program [Taken it to the Streets] and Outstanding Health Program [Get up and get Active] at the 2011 Michigan and Parks and Recreation Association Conference.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 10:05 p.m. to 11:09 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: WalMart, positive aspects of township, dog pound, Board members budget, Parks budget, economic climate of the state, Van Buren Township tax rates, Committee/Commission members actions, landfill(s) and financial result of court decisions.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 11:09 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.