

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: DPW Director Knepper, Interim Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Fire Chief Loyer, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-one (41).

Supervisor White thanked the North Middle School Cadet and Senior Girl Scout Troop 21052 for leading the pledge of allegiance tonight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to change New Business Item #5d to read “to expire January 15, 2013”. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to remove New Business Item #8 “Consider the Belleville-Area Independent as Township paper of record.” Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart and Jahr. Nays: White, Ostrowski and Partridge. Absent: None. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to open the public hearing to discuss proposed projects for the fiscal year 2011 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) allocations. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:37 p.m. Supervisor White went to Interim Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll for an explanation. Interim Director Carroll stated the Township is seeking comments from the public for potential projects that would meet the CDBG funding guidelines. This year the Township will hold only one public hearing to meet Wayne County’s application filing deadline of February 28th. The estimated funding level for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year is the same as last year \$135,000. The three national objectives for projects are: to benefit low/moderate income persons, prevent or eliminate slum and/or blight and to meet urgent community needs. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) objectives of the CDBG program are for the development of viable communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities. Interim Director Carroll stated the proposed recommendations for fiscal year 2011 as follows: Sidewalk construction on the west side of Belleville Road from Ecorse to Tyler Roads and on the east side of Belleville Road from Robson to Tyler Road including the acquisitions of necessary easements - \$94,500; Senior Services for a portion of the Senior Director’s wages - \$13,500; Youth Services for Parks and Recreation programs “Takin’ It To The Streets”, Youth Day Camp and Physical Education Classes - \$13,500; Administration for reimbursement of Township staff time to administer CDBG program - \$13,500. Interim Director Carroll provided a copy of the map showing the eligible areas in the Township where CDBG funds can be used.

The Board and audience had the following questions and comments: Trustee Jahr inquired about the different dollar amounts listed on the public hearing notice compared to what Interim Director Carroll read tonight; when is deadline to Wayne County; can changes be made to CDBG allocations if approved tonight since there was only one public hearing. Interim Director Carroll stated the amounts on the agenda that were read tonight are the correct amounts; the application is due to Wayne County by February 28, 2011; changes or reallocations can be made as long as a public hearing is held for the requested reallocation. John Delaney, resident inquired if the WalMart path could be done with CDBG funds. Trustee Partridge stated a meeting was held with the resident regarding the WalMart path and details are being worked on. Treasurer Budd stated the WalMart path is not in the designated CDBG area and could not be done with CDBG funds. Treasurer Budd reiterated reprogramming can be done later in

the year if needed. Trustee Hart inquired what happened to the CDBG process. Interim Director Carroll stated Wayne County started the CDBG process late. Treasurer Budd stated Wayne County will hold a County wide public hearing for CDBG allocations to fulfill the second public hearing requirement. Trustee Partridge stated the sidewalk on Belleville Road from Robson to Tyler Roads is for the safety of pedestrians. Supervisor White stated the Downtown Development Authority is providing funds for a sidewalk to be constructed between the mobile home park and Tyler Road.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

Budd moved Partridge seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 10, 2011 as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes of January 10, 2011 as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2011 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of January 31, 2011 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter addressed to Clerk Wright on behalf of Scouts Packs 237 and 793 for the allowing them to tour Township Hall and thanking Township staff for their time.

A thank you letter addressed to Clerk Wright from the U.S. Census Bureau for the Township's partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau during the 2010 Census.

Clerk Wright read announcements for Wayne County sponsored household hazardous waste collection days to be held on Saturday, March 26th at Wayne County Community College District Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road, Belleville and Saturday, June 18th at Henry Ford Community College located at 5101 Evergreen Road, Dearborn from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, Wayne County sponsored Electronic Waste (E-Waste such as computers, TV's, CRT monitors, LCD monitors, keyboards and mice, laptops, printers, fax machines, copiers, VCR's, DVD players, microwaves, stereos, speakers, computer parts, telephones, cell phones, game consoles, miscellaneous cables, mp3 players, ect. No other household appliances will be accepted) collection days on Saturday, February 26th at Riverview Land Preserve located at 20863 Grange Road, Riverview; Saturday, March 19th at Town Center Shopping parking lot located at 9215 Joseph Compau, Hamtramck; Saturday, April 2nd at Redford Township DPS located at 12200 Beech Daly Road, Redford; Saturday, April 16th at Henry Ford Centennial Library located at 16301 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn; Saturday, May 7th at Canton Township DPW located at 4847 Sheldon Road, Canton. This information is posted on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org or for more information contact Wayne County's Resource Recovery Coordinator at 734-326-3936.

Director Ross announced Van Buren Township submitted an application in November and has been selected by the National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s for Healthy Communities Program Action Communities for Health, Innovation, and Environmental Change (ACHIEVE) program. Van Buren Township is one of the ten park and recreation agencies NRPA will fund with \$40,000 to develop coalitions of local stakeholders and community leaders to address chronic disease risk factors of physical inactivity, poor nutrition and tobacco use. Director Ross also announced the Parks and Recreation Department has been awarded

\$60,000 from the Wayne County Parks Millage. The funding will be utilized for Community Center gym floor rehabilitation project.

Treasurer Budd requested the letter regarding the paper of record from Austen Smith, Editor Ypsilanti Courier and Belleville View be entered into the record.

John Delaney, resident commented on the timing of Nixle alerts and Township emails for cancelation of Board Meeting and closure of Township Hall.

Supervisor White read unaudited budget figures regarding the 2010 budget that project a reduction of expenditures and would reduce the amount of transfers from Unreserved General Fund. Further, thanked the Board and Department Directors for their assistance in the budget process.

Treasurer Budd stated the Board is receipt of a letter of resignation from Parks and Recreation Director Ross as of March 14th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve proposed activities for Community Development Block Grant funding for fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent: None. Carried.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-05 extending the moratorium on submission or receipt of applications and any and all Township Permits, Licenses or Approvals for the Growing, Sale or Dispensation of Medical Marihuana for an additional ninety days. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2011-06 the Board Meeting Conduct Policy, noting that the approval of the voucher list will not be on the consent agenda and remain a separate item until such time as the Board feels it can be moved to the consent agenda. Carried.

Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to deny the Right-of-Way donation to Wayne County, Tyler Road west of Hannan Road. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the reappointments of Harlan Davenport and Robert Coppock to the Construction Code Appeals Board with terms to expire February 28, 2014; to approve the reappointments of Carol Bird and Mark Laginess to the Downtown Development Authority with terms to expire March 9, 2015; to approve the reappointments of Kenneth Askew, Joy Ann Ferris, Charles Coleman, Ralph Nodwell, Mark Duff and Harold Gant to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 28, 2012; to approve the reappointments of Helen Wylie, Mary Korgal and Vera Ireland to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2013. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve Resolution 2011-07 supporting the financing contract the South Huron Valley Utility Authority Trenton Arm Interceptor Relining Project. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the engineering proposal from Wade Trim to develop an update to the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2011-08 the Taxpayer Involvement in Stormwater Litigation. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the revised language to the Salaried Employees Benefit Manual (effective January 16, 2011). Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the February 15, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Township Administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents the 2010 winter tax deadline has been extended to February 28th 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.

On Tuesday, March 8th the Belleville Rotary will be hosting an Italian Dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road.

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

Supervisor White stated DPW Director Knepper has turned in his resignation and on behalf of the Board of Trustees thanked Director Knepper for his service to the Township. Also, Parks and Recreation Director Ross submitted his resignation and on behalf of the Board of Trustees thanked Director Ross for his years of service to the Township.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 9:51 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: paper of record, cancelation of meetings, lack of transparency, Ethics Policy, Beck Road ball diamond, LDFFA bonds, Visteon and Planning Commission.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 10:39 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.