

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 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: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Public Safety Director McClanahan, DPW Director MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of nineteen (19).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented, with the removal of New Business Item #2 “Consider adoption of Resolution 2011-15, Van Buren Township Video Recorded Meeting Retention Policy.” to be postponed until the next Board of Trustees Meeting. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes April 4, 2011; Closed Session Minutes April 4, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 5, 2011; Agreement with Detroit Edison to supply electrical power at the new Detroit Water Sewerage Department (DWSO) Meter Pit and the new Van Buren Control Valve Pit at Tyler and Quirk Roads; Cross Connection Control Program three year contract with Hydro Designs, Inc.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: John Delaney read a letter regarding freedom of speech during an open meeting, as it relates to the three limit rule in the Board Meeting Conduct Policy.

Chief Loyer read a thank you email from a resident who had been assisted by the Fire Department (Fire Captain McNally and Fire Fighter Queen) and Huron Valley Ambulance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-14 to approve the Public Safety Millage Ballot language and to authorize the Clerk to submit said ballot language to the Wayne County Clerk for placement on the November 8, 2011 General Election. Carried.

Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve a professional services agreement with Wade Trim for the design phase the Ecorse Road Sanitary Sewer Project, on the current rate schedule for a cost not to exceed \$105,000, which is approximately four percent of the estimated project cost. Carried.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren Township, Ypsilanti Community Utility Authority (YCUA) and the property owners, Zia Daoud and Sam G. David which will allow property owner to connect to the YCUA water system; and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the documents. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the refund of the over assessments on the Bemis Road paving project. Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve Wiese’s Lawn Care (for the north side of township) and Michigan Lawn Management (for the south side of township) contracts for the 2011 mowing of non-Township-owned properties. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Patrol and Dispatch Collective Bargaining Agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Hart and Budd. Nays: Partridge, Ostrowski, Wright and White. Absent: None. Motion fails.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the April 19, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Trustee Hart stated the Van Buren Public Safety Committee 2010 Report had been distributed to Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright made the following announcements. The May 3rd Board of Trustees Board Meeting and Work Study of May 2nd are both cancelled due to the May 3rd Washtenaw Intermediate School District Election. This bond proposal will allow the intermediate school district to levy the special education millage previously approved by the electors. The polling place location for Van Buren Township Precinct #10 is South Middle School for those registered voters in the Lincoln Consolidated School District. Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee Voter Ballots are currently being processed by the Clerk's Office. Contact the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909 for voter information or online at www.vanburen-mi.org. Also, the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday April 22nd in observance of Good Friday.

Director Wright made the following announcements: Last Sunday the Hoppin' Hullabaloo Easter event was held and Director Wright thanked the Parks and Recreation staff and volunteers for their hard work in making this a successful event. The American Cancer Society fund raising event Relay for Life will be held April 30th through May 1st at Quirk Park. On Friday, May 13th the annual Mother and Son Bowl will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lodge Lanes. Lastly, Drop-in Pickleball is held every Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Van Buren Recreation Gymnasium. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921 or online at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Treasurer Budd announced the Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall. Contact the Treasurer's Office at 734.699.8903 for additional information.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:49 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: POLC contract, Public Safety Department, Board members, negotiation process and Public Safety Millage.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.