

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 21, 2011**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: Hart. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Burns, Director Wilson, Secretary Ireland and an audience of thirty-one (31).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes June 6, 2011; Regular Board Minutes June 7] as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Budd moved, Partridge seconded to hear public comment on re-programming \$41,495 of 2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Infrastructure Improvements and \$56,990 of 2009 CDBG funds from Demolition to the Belleville and Tyler Roads Sidewalk Project. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:36 p.m. Supervisor White went to Director Carroll for an explanation. The Township originally programed some of its FY2008 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding into Infrastructure Improvements and some of its FY2009 CDBG into demolition. The Wayne County Advisory Council Representative from the Township was able to save some of these older funds from re-capture if they are spent by the end of the year and it is anticipated that the remainder will be similarly conditioned later in the week at the Advisory Council meeting. The Belleville Road sidewalk Project is getting under way with the acquisition for these necessary easements. It is anticipated that a recommendation to retain the Appraiser for the properties will be made at the next Township Board meeting. In order to cover the cost of the appraisals and other work necessary to implement the Belleville Road Sidewalk Project it is necessary to move these funds.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Jahr moved Ostrowski seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to hear public comment on request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Statewide Boring and Machine. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Executive Assistant Ireland informed the Board and audience that Statewide Boring and Machine has been located at 6401 Haggerty Road since 1999. They began with three (3) employees and currently have twenty-two (22). They currently house all of their equipment in a building that is approximately 16,000 square feet and it is their desire to expand their building by approximately 17,500 square feet. It is expected to cost of approximately \$1.2 million [building only] to facilitate their ability to manufacture precision machined products for industries such as pharmaceutical, wind energy and aerospace. The employees are highly skilled with wages set accordingly. Statewide Boring and Machine has two (2) existing PA 198s and are in compliance with their yearly reporting requirements as outlined in the Agreements currently in effect and have no delinquent taxes. There have been no objections from other taxing jurisdictions as it relates to this request for the PA 198. Utilizing the Township Board approved Tax Abatement Policy; Statewide Boring and

Machine qualifies for ten (10) year abatement. Because of the growth they have experienced, they have physically run out of room for the size of equipment they have and would like to continue their growth in Van Buren Township. Mark Logan of Statewide Boring and Machine spoke about their ability to manufacture precision machined products for industries such as pharmaceutical, wind and energy and aerospace. The sizes of the parts are so large they require more room for safety reasons. Additionally in 2012 they expect to be working with a local company on a large military contract. Audience member who lives across the street from Statewide Boring and Machine informed the Board that they were wonderful neighbors to have and Mr. Logan was also asked if he knew how many employees were township residents.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:48 p.m.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Director McClanahan read a letter from the Terrorist Screening Center praising Sergeant Devos for following appropriate protocol by contacting them to report a possible subject match on the Terrorist Watchlist who turned out to be a positive match.

Supervisor White presented Diane Wilson with a certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Trustees for her fifteen (15) years of dedicated service to the Belleville Area Museum and wished her well in her retirement.

Supervisor White thanked the residents of Mida Drive for visiting him earlier in the day concerning the maintenance of private roads. Under PA 139 of 1972, section 247.391 it is illegal for a township to use public funds to maintain a private road.

Township resident requested that he read a letter that was distributed to Board Members during correspondence section. The township resident and Township Supervisor did not agree with the interpretation of the meeting conduct policy and due to the inappropriateness of the correspondence, the Supervisor requested that the resident vacate the podium.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve the second reading for adoption General Ordinance 06-07-11 to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Code of General Ordinances, by adding Section 34 an Ordinance to confirm the establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority. Roll Call. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

\*(A synopsis of [Ordinance 06-07-11](#) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Jahr seconded to accept the 2010 Audits from Plante & Moran. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve re-programming \$41,495 of 2008 CDBG funds from Infrastructure Improvements and \$56,990 of 2009 CDBG funds from Demolition to the Belleville and Tyler Roads Sidewalk Project. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-18 advising the Wayne County Department of Public Service of the Township's willingness to accept jurisdiction and maintenance of the storm water drainage system constructed in connection with the development of Woodland Meadows by Waste Management (parcel numbers V125-83-001-99-0001-700 and V125-83-001-99-0002-701); to

authorize Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Storm Water Management System Maintenance and Repair Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Waste Management. Roll Call. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Ostrowski, Partridge and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-19 advising the Wayne County Department of Public Service of the Township's willingness to accept jurisdiction and maintenance of the storm water drainage system constructed in connection with the development of Pro-Tech Auction Parking Lot (parcel number V125-83-095-99-0002-000); to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Storm Water Management System Maintenance and Repair Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Ibach Enterprises, LLC. Roll Call. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent and excused: Hart. Carried.

Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-20 authorizing an Industrial Exemption for Statewide Boring and Machine; to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Tax Abatement Agreement. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-21 authorizing a PA 328 Property Tax Exemption for Statewide Boring and Machine; to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve use of \$3,000 from annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant towards 2011 Summer Concert Series. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the June 21, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Partridge announced the opening night of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Music Lakeside begins on June 23, 2011 at Horizon Park.

Director Wright made the following announcements: Takin' it to the Streets will be held Friday, June 24, 2011. This is a free event held on the Van Buren Softball Fields. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921 or online at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, 2011 in observance of Independence Day. Work Study will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. and the Board of Trustees Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Clerk Wright informed the audience that Recall and Van Buren Township will host "Shred Day" on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are a maximum of (5) cartons or medium size bags of documents per vehicle. No 3 ring binders or metal of any kind please. Drop off point will be in front Township Parking Lot.

Supervisor White thanked the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, particularly the Fire Department for sponsoring and holding a blood drive at township hall. Twenty-two (22) pints of blood were donated. This will assist 66 patients.

Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the Van Buren Department of Public Safety is hosting a Public Safety Day at the Walgreens located at 10276 Belleville Road. The focus of the day is to acquaint the community with the Van Buren Township Public Safety Departments operational

capabilities. In attendance will be a helicopter from Med Flight and the Van Buren Township Police and Fire Departments. Free hot dogs, pop, juice, coloring books, stuffed animals and balloons will be available for attendees. The event is free of charge.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 9:23 p.m. to 9:37 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Support of renewal for the Public Safety Millage, transparency in government, Trustee Ostrowski, Township cell phones, releasing of captured animals within the township, investigation by the DNR and the condition and lack of care on Hancock Drive.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

Date: July 5, 2011.

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

Approved: As amended.

**AMENDMENTS:** The two following corrections/additions were requested during Work Study: Under Public Hearing, page two, paragraph one, last sentence should read “Mr. Logan was also asked if he knew how many employees were township residents and Mr. Logan responded he was unsure, but did not believe any were township residents.”; under Correspondence, page two, paragraph seven, second sentence should read “The township resident and Township Supervisor did not agree with the interpretation of the meeting conduct policy and due to the inappropriateness of the correspondence. The Supervisor requested that the resident vacate the podium and the resident refused and continued to speak, the Supervisor then requested the Director of Public Safety to assist; the Director went to the doorway and requested the resident to come with him and at that point the resident left the Board room.”