

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 5, 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 and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Ostrowski (excused). Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Deputy Treasurer Bellingham, Secretary Cline and an audience of eighteen (18).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes June 20, 2011; Closed Session Minutes June 20, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2011 as corrected; Special Board Meeting Minutes June 27, 2011 as corrected; Closed Session Minutes June 27, 2011; Adoption of Resolution 2011-22 (corrected), affirming approval of Senior Alliance Annual implementation Plan for Aging Services.] noting corrections made during Work Study. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk Wright read a summary of a letter from Attorney McCauley addressing the "Correspondence" at Township Board Meetings under the Meeting Conduct Policy (Resolution 2011-06) it is Attorney McCauley's opinion that in the "Correspondence" portion of the board meeting, it is neither contemplated nor allowed that residents or audience members may read letters or other written material and further notes as there is ample opportunity for a resident or other non-elected individual to address the Board during a meeting such as "Non-Agenda Items" portion of the meeting.

Supervisor White thanked the Public Safety Department (Dispatch, Police and Fire) for their professionalism during the severe storms that occurred on Saturday evening.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve contract for Kuhn Specialty Flooring for the Gymnasium Floor Rehabilitation Project not to exceed \$58,140 (from line item 101-691-970-000) with a start date of September 6, 2011 and end date of October 14, 2011; to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve a sixteen percent (16%) increase of the Van Buren Township sewer rates with an effective date of July 1, 2011 based on the analyze letter from Deputy Treasurer Bellingham and the Water and Sewer Commission recommendation. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to award a contract to perform appraisal services on Belleville Road to Fred B. Phlippeau and Associates for the Belleville Road Sidewalk project. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent: Ostrowski (excused). Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the July 5, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Director Wright made the following announcements: Jitterbugs Gymnastics and Dance is offering Summer Dance Camps beginning July 12<sup>th</sup> through August 18<sup>th</sup> at Van Buren Recreation Department. For more information contact Jennifer Valinski, Dance Instructor at 734-777-0201. Also next Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> the Belleville Community Band will kick off the Van Buren Summer Concert Series at Van Buren Park, if a rainout occurs the concert will be held in the Van Buren Township Community Center. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Treasurer Budd announced the summer tax bills have been mailed.

Clerk Wright announced Diane Wilson retired on July 1<sup>st</sup> from Belleville Area Museum and is being honored by the Belleville Area Historical Society on July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with an "Epilogue – Farewell Evening of Conversation and Hors D'oeuvres with Diane Wilson" at the Bayou Grill. Please contact Township Historian, Cathy Horste at 734-697-3662 or the Belleville Area Historical Society Secretary, Dorothy Simons at 734-484-5398. A \$5 donation is suggested.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:16 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy, Supervisor White, Trustee Ostrowski, tax dollars/financial expenses, Recreation Department Summer Camp program, positive aspects of the township, and private roads.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_.