

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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, Chief Loyer, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-four (34).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes July 5, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 5, 2011; Appointment of Robert Gerick to the Cemetery Advisory Committee with term to expire December 14, 2011.] Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director McClanahan reminded residents on Saturday, July 23rd and Sunday, July 24th the Yankee Air Museum's "Thunder Over Michigan" air show will take place.

On July 29th and July 30th the Belleville Area Council for the Arts will host "Art affair on Main" in downtown Belleville from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Public Safety Department recognized Police Reserve Officer Chuck Youmans and Police Reserve Officer Dan Besson who both have retired from the Police Reserve program and presented them each with a plaque.

Chief Loyer introduced the six new probationary fire fighters to the Board and audience.

Chief Loyer read a letter from American Red Cross stating 22 people donated blood during the recent blood drive held at the township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve amendment to Wade Trim 2011 Water Main Project Design Contract in the amount of \$2,800. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve reappointments of P. Ramone Crowe and Richard Wardwell to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire July 30, 2013. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Ostrowski. Absent: None. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve reappointment of Regina Miller to the Public Safety Committee with term to expire July 30, 2013. Roll call vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr, Hart and Budd. Absent: None. Carried.

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

REPORTS: Supervisor White received and filed the May 2011 Budgetary Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright read announcement for Wayne County sponsored household hazardous waste collection day to be held on Saturday, August 27th at Southland Shopping Center (parking lot) located at 23000 Eureka Road Taylor from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, Wayne County sponsored Electronic Waste collection days on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as follows: August 6th at the Northville DPW yard located at 650 Doheny, Northville; October 1st at Henry Ford Centennial Library located at 16301 Michigan Avenue Dearborn; October 15th at the Livonia DPW yard located at 12973 Farmington, Livonia; and October 22nd at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township. Also, on Saturday August 13th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Van Buren Township and Recall will be hosting a Shred Day for township residents. This information is posted on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

Clerk Wright gave an update on the improvements to Beck Ball diamonds as a part of the host agreement with E.Q. including paving of parking lot, walkways and drainage. Treasurer Budd stated the Civic Fund has also donated funds for bleachers and safety items such as break away bases for the ball diamonds.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 7:59 p.m. to 8:11 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Visteon-LDFA expenditures, Trustee Ostrowski, release and capture of wild animals in the township, tax dollars/financial expenses and local ordinance/Ethic Act.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.