

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director McClanahan, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-four (24).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes August 15, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 16, 2011; Work Study Session Minutes September 6, 2011; Closed Session Minutes September 6, 2011; Appointment of Carl Pedersen to the Board of Canvassers to fill unexpired vacancy with term ending December 31, 2011; Reappointment of David Wilson to the Environmental Commission with term to expire October 1, 2014; Reappointment of Leonard Armstrong, Craig Medlen and Pam Smart to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire August 12, 2015; Reappointment of Bryon Kelley and Robert McKenna to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2014; Resolution 2011-29 the 2011 Tax Rate Request.] Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Senior Alliance representative gave a brief presentation stating the Senior Alliance consists of 34 communities from western and southern Wayne County. The Senior Alliance funds Meals on Wheels, Holiday Meals and assists seniors and disabled Americans live in their homes longer with dignity and quality of life by providing services. The Senior Alliance can provide information on Caregiver support, legal assistance, senior housing, adult day services, home delivered and congregate meals, homemaking and personal care, respite care, long term care options, Medicare/Medicaid assistance program. Further, stated Medicare/Medicaid enrollment period has changed to October 15 and for more information call 1-734-722-2830.

John Delaney requested clarification to the "Correspondence" portion of the Board of Trustees Meeting. Supervisor White stated this is being reviewed by the Township attorney and stated an updated Board of Trustees Meetings Conduct Policy addressing this will be presented to the Board.

Mission Pointe Homeowner President, Adam Byrd, thanked Water and Sewer Account Clerk for her assistance in correcting an error in Mission Pointe's water bill.

Supervisor White stated Tom Kryza who sat on the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals and Board of Review passed away last Saturday. The Board offered their condolences to Mr. Kryza's family.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the contract between the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and Susan Ireland. Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of General Ordinance 9-20-11, to amend the Township General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42, Environment, Article II, Nuisances, Division 5 Noise, Section 128 (c). Carried.

\*(A copy of the synopsis of [Ordinance 09-20-11](#) follows the minutes. Copies of the full ordinance may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the September 20, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Partridge announced on October 1<sup>st</sup> the Yankee Air Museum will host A Day of Art and Speed car show and aircraft display. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Belleville Area Museum is hosting a Harvest Festival. Also, on October 8<sup>th</sup> the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is hosting a Great Pumpkin Race.

Clerk Wright made the following announcements. On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> an election will be held. All Van Buren township registered voters will vote on the Public Safety Millage Renewal, for those voters who reside in the Van Buren Public School District will also vote on two (2) Van Buren Public School Board members seats and an Operating Millage Renewal Proposition Exempting Principal residence and qualified Agricultural property and for those voters who reside in the Lincoln Consolidated School District will vote on two (2) Lincoln Consolidated School Board member seats. The last day to register for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election is Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, to help assist voters in finding their polling locations the Clerk's Office has contacted homeowner associations of subdivisions and apartment complex managers in the township requesting polling location signs be placed at entrances of subdivision and apartment complexes denoting the polling location for the subdivision. At this time there are over twelve subdivisions and three apartment complexes who will be participating in posting polling location signs. If you would like to assist in this process or for election information please contact the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909.

The ADA 24 hour drop box has been relocated from in front of Public Safety Department to the front entrance of township hall.

Wayne County sponsored household hazardous waste collection day is to be held on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Redford Public Services located at 12200 Beech Daly, Redford. Wayne County sponsored Electronic Waste collection days on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Westland Shopping Center located at Warren and Nankin Blvd. and on the following Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: October 1<sup>st</sup> at Henry Ford Centennial Library located at 16301 Michigan Avenue Dearborn; October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Livonia DPW yard located at 12973 Farmington, Livonia; and October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township.

Van Buren Township Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company, will be held on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner. This information is posted on the Township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Director Wright thanked ITC for donating \$2,000 to the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department. The money will be used to purchase new bushes and trees at Van Buren Park. Fall hours for the parks will begin on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> as follows: Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:00 a.m. to dusk. A new session of Tae Know Do starts Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Kid Kwon Do starts Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Information about recreational activities is posted on the Township website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) or call 734-699-8921.

Adam Byrd announced Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation is hosting Sunset Celebration on Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for more information call 734-699-3951.

Karen LaMothe gave information regarding the Van Buren Public School Act 18 millage renewal and encouraged residents to vote yes.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:12 p.m. to 8:49 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Nixle, marketing the township for new businesses, upkeep of Township Hall, tax abatements, Public Safety renewal millage, Public Safety Department staffing, crime rate, attorney fees, risk management, positive advocates in the township, budget and blended rates.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

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