

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

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: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant/Assistant Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-three (23).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. To remove Unfinished Business Item #1 “To consider changes to the By-Laws of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA).” from the agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes Work Study Session Minutes January 9, 2012; Closed Session Minutes January 9, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 10, 2012; Appointment of Harry Roesch to fill an unexpired vacancy on the Board of Review with term to expire December 31, 2012.] Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mary Ban’s letter requesting safety road improvements at Rawsonville Road and Martz Road intersection and a letter from Washtenaw County Board of County Road Commissioners stating the county has begun gathering survey information regarding improvements including a left turn lane and traffic signal at the intersection.

Supervisor White read a Proclamation on behalf of the Van Buren Board of Trustees proclaiming February as Black History month in Van Buren Township.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded approve the first reading of General Ordinance 02-07-2012, an ordinance to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren by repealing and replacing Section 86-710 through Section 86-745, Ordinance Number 7-20-99 dated 8-3-99 and adopting by reference Ordinance Number 2010-682 Wayne County, Michigan Code of Ordinances, Title V Environment and Drains, Chapter 101 entitled Sewer Use, Containing Section 101-1 through Section 101-194. Carried.

*(A copy of the [Ordinance 02-07-12](#) follows the minutes.)

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to grant Special Land Use to Belle Tire for the proposed facility to be located at 10595 Belleville Road and to approve Resolution 2012-03 Special Land Use Approval for Belle Tire. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the February 7, 2012 voucher list as presented. Carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Partridge announced Belleville Area Council for the Arts fund raising dinner on Sunday, February 12th at the Masonic Temple located at the corner of High Street and Main Street in the City of Belleville from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also, announced the Belleville Area Museum has the book *Golden Snapshots: Real Stories by Real People*, for sale at the Museum gift shop. Lastly, the Museum is looking for quilts for their annual quilt show held in March.

Clerk Wright stated the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2012 in honor of Presidents Day and due to this closure the next Work Study Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21st at 4:00 p.m. with the Board of Trustees Meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. Also on Tuesday, February 28th the Presidential Primary Election will be held.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents the collection of the winter tax bills has been extended to February 29, 2012 noting there is a drop slot in the Public Safety Department and a mail drop box in the front of Township Hall for payments.

Director Wright announced the Van Buren Recreation Department 17th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 10th and on Saturday February 11th are both sold out; however, a waiting list has been created. Also, a new ZUMBA fitness class is being offered beginning February 8th. Director Wright stated the community garden plots at Van Buren Park are available for renting; plots are \$25 for the season which runs May 15th through October 15th. Finally, thanked Keystone Academy sixth graders Janessa Franklin and Reynaldo Martell who volunteered in the Recreation Department last month as part of their requirement to perform volunteer work.

John Herman thanked Mary Ban for her efforts in getting safety improvements including traffic signals on Rawsonville Road. Mr. Herman also announced the Democratic Party has passed a Resolution to allow Democrat's to vote in the Presidential Primary and the May 5th Democratic Caucus.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:03 p.m. to 8:48 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) bylaws, public safety concerns, improved lighting for entrance of Township Hall, Developmental Services Budget, Supervisor White, Public Safety Committee meetings and cancelations, break-ins and robberies in the township, filling vacancies in the Public Safety Department, Trustee Partridge, legacy cost, Public Safety Reports, illegal dumping on Morton-Taylor and Van Born Roads, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) union regarding committee secretaries, transparency and management of Township and unsettled union contracts.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____