

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 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 and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Ostrowski (excused). 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/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of seventeen (17).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Wright 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 Work Study Session Minutes February 6, 2012; Closed Session Minutes February 6, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 7, 2012.] Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Treasurer Budd read a letter from Captain Laurain regarding the tattered flag that was flying at the Marathon Oil located at the corner of I-94 N. Service Drive and Belleville Road. Treasurer Budd stated after Director Carroll's staff contacted Marathon Oil Company and gave approval for the flag to be removed the Van Buren Township Honor Guard were present to take possession of the flag and is having the flag properly destroyed. Treasurer Budd thanked everyone involved in taking care of this matter.

Mr. Anton read a tribute to Milton Riggs who was a long time resident and honored veteran who recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed and a letter of condolence will be sent to the Riggs family on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adopt the second 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. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Jahr, Hart, Budd Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: Ostrowski (excused). Carried.

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

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve use of fiscal year 2012 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) Community Development Block Grant funds for Parks and Recreation \$10,400; Senior Citizens \$10,400; Administration \$10,400 and Beck Road Ball Diamond project \$92,800. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the changes in Local Development Financial Authority (LDFA) by-laws including the attorney's recommended language under Article III, Section 6, bullet point number four regarding debate. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve renewal of intergovernmental agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the City of Belleville for Emergency Dispatch and Lockup Services for 2012 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the 2011 Amended and 2012 Proposed Lohr Road Special Assessment District Proposed Budget; 2011 Amended Capital Improvement Fund; 2012 Proposed Landfill Fund. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the proposal from Wade Trim to complete the design work necessary to include additional water main replacement to the previously approved Belleville/Ecorse and Sewer Replacement Project. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the February 21, 2012 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Partridge announced the Belleville Area Museum will host their annual Quilt Show in the month of March.

Clerk Wright stated the Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of absentee ballots. The Presidential Primary Election Day is Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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 Summer Camp Open registration begins on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> for both sessions of summer camps. Also, every Sunday in March from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. a Baseball Skills Camp will be held for youth ages 5 to 10 years old. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Director MacDonald provided information regarding several M-Dot and Wayne County road improvement projects in Van Buren Township including I-275 and I-94 road resurfacing and repair to bridges. Also, the Ecorse Road and Belleville Road Intersection project is slated to begin this year.

John Delaney had questions regarding the Presidential Primary; announced the Planning Commission meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup> has on the agenda Visteon Corporation/Hoosier Energy final site plan approval to construct a landfill gas to energy project.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 9:12 p.m. to 9:33 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: electrical inspector; condition of Van Born Road adjacent to Canton landfill; number of police calls for service in township; Public Safety Department; Visteon bonds/LDFA; property values in township.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

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Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

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