

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 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 Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Trustee Jahr (excused). Trustee Ostrowski left the meeting around 9:30 p.m. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Interim Fire Chief Besson, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Engineer Nummer, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixty-seven (67).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the agenda with the removal of New Business Item # 6 “Consider the proposal of Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency to provide administrative services to the Van Buren Housing Rehabilitation Program.” Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes July 16, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 17, 2012; Adoption of [Resolution 2012-17](#), 2012 Tax Rate Request] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Director MacDonald and Engineer Nummer gave a brief review of the three recent water main breaks where the water tower provided water. The water tower preformed to the intended capabilities and no boil water alerts were needed.

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce announced the Harlem Ambassadors Exhibition Basketball Team vs. Chamber Tigers on Wednesday, October 24th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the new Belleville High School Gymnasium. Also, the Annual Bridge Walk & Taste of Belleville will be held on Thursday, August 23rd. For more information contact the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at 734-697-7151.

Supervisor White read a letter from a resident regarding emails with racial comments which was sent to Clerk Wright. Several residents commented on the letter and disagreed with the Supervisor reading this under Correspondence.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve Professional Services Agreement with RTA Roofing Technology Association, LTD of Livonia, Michigan for Township Hall roof replacement project design, bidding assistance and project oversight. Carried.

Ostrowski moved, Partridge seconded to approve the contract with Wade Trim for the Ecorse Road Sanitary Sewer and Water Main Construction Engineering. Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the amendment to the Construction Engineering Agreement with Wade Trim for the 2011/12 Water Main project. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Partridge and Ostrowski. Absent: Jahr (excused). Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the reappointments of Raymond Bailey and Diane Madigan to the Public Safety Committee with terms to expire on July 30, 2014. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Wright, White. Nays: Hart, Budd. Absent: Jahr (excused). Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the following: the appointment of Karen Moffitt as representative from Van Buren Public Schools to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with term to expire August 12, 2015; appointment of Marcus Leon as representative from Van Buren Public Schools to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with term to expire August 12, 2014; reappointments of Charles Covington and Chris Hayes to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with terms to expire August 12, 2016. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the contract between Van Buren Township and Daniel Besson to serve as Fire Chief with the salary of \$69,000 and afford him the full time salary benefits also, to reimburse him from the time he was named Interim Chief for all his administrative duties at a rate of \$30 per hour. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the August 21, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White received and filed the June 2012 Budgetary Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright made the following announcements: A Special Primary Election will be held on Wednesday September 5th to fill the vacancy US Representative in Congress 11th District – partial term ending 1/2/2013 and due to the Special Election the Board of Trustees meeting and Work Study meeting scheduled for September 4th are both cancelled. The next regular Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18th and Work Study on Monday, September 17th. Lastly, Van Buren Township and Recall Corporation will host a free “Shred Day” on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A list of acceptable documents is posted at Van Buren website www.vanburen-mi.org and cable channel 12.

Treasurer Budd announced the POLC Dispatch and Patrol contract has been signed and thanked the Police Officers Association and their negotiating team and the Township negotiating team for their work.

Trustee Hart thanked all who participated or helped with the Walgreens Public Safety Day.

Director McClanahan introduced new police officer Heather Vettraino and presented her with her badge.

Fire Chief Besson introduced four new probationary fire fighters Ian Skotak, Chris Roy, Seth Kleinglass and Justin Mathis. Fire Chief Besson presented badges and new shields to three fire fighters Jeff Schulz, Dave Brouillette and Josh Worth who have completed their probationary period.

Fire Chief Besson requested all Public Safety Department members who responded during the three events between August 4th and August 6th to come forward to be recognized for the great job they did during these events.

Director Wright announced the new Fall/Winter Recreation brochure is available.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 9:37 p.m. to 11:22 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Building Department; union jobs; racist email; Ethic ordinance; cancellation of Board meeting; thank you to Public Safety Department of handling three major incidents in area; budget and request for elected officials to reduce their salaries; congratulations to primary election winners and thank you for service for to the Board members who will not move on to November General election; East Huron River Drive land problems causing flooding after grade was changed; Reserve Police Officer process and notification; racism will not be condoned by Board members; delay in recognizing Public Safety employees at tonight’s board meeting; local cable access channel; Visteon Bonds; Local

Development Finance Authority (LDFA); Visteon Co-Generation project request for moratorium on project or removal of site plan approval for project at the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for August 22, 2012; Planning Commission; Master Plan; three minute rule for public comment at Board meeting.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded the Board of Trustees requests the Planning Commission remove the following agenda item “Visteon Corporation/Hoosier Energy, is requesting final site plan approval, and tree permit approval to construct a landfill gas to energy project.” from the Planning Commission’s agenda of August 22, 2012 until the Board of Trustees can study the item further. Trustee Partridge called for the vote. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Hart, Budd and Wright. Nays: White. Absent: Ostrowski, Jahr (excused). Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 11:22 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____