

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2012**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Treasurer Budd (excused). Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Recreation and Parks Director Wright, Recreation and Parks Deputy Director Burns, Fire Chief Besson, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty (40).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes October 1, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 2, 2012; Special Work Study Session Minutes October 5, 2012; Closed Session Minutes October 5, 2012; Adoption of [Resolution 2012-19](#), a resolution to retain the professional legal services of Clark Hill PLC to assist Township Corporation Counsel in moving forward with issues related to Visteon Corporation; Approval of the Wilkin Farmland Development Rights Agreement to the State of Michigan; Approval of Fire Works Proposal by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce immediately following the lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1, 2012 to be set off from the (closed) Denton Road Bridge and authorize the Supervisor to sign the permit.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Jahr stated Treasurer Budd is absent due to the passing of her mother-in-law, Gladys Budd.

Fire Chief Besson introduced a new probationary fire fighter Scott Spoonamore and further stated there were two additional new probationary fire fighters were also hired who were unable to attend tonight's Board Meeting.

Fire Chief Besson announced the promotion of Captain David McNally to Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall and was presented with his new shield by his father Cameron McNally, former Fire Chief for Van Buren Township.

Supervisor White read the Proclamation "Veterans History and Appreciation Month" (November) and presented copies of the Proclamation to local veteran groups representatives who were present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the contract with Blue Ribbon Contracting Inc. for the installation of an ADA walking/bike path and picnic areas at Van Buren Park, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract; to approve moving \$3,361 from the General Fund to complete the project. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the October 16, 2012 voucher list as amended. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Partridge read a letter of appreciation thanking Township Board, Directors, staff, committees and commission members and residents for working with her over the past four years as a Trustee.

Supervisor White announced the Western Wayne Quilting Guild will host a Quilt Show at Wayne County Community College Western Campus on Friday, October 19th and Saturday, October 20th.

Clerk Wright reminded voters the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot will have two pages. The first page of the ballot all partisan positions will be on the front and the back of the first page all non-partisan positions; the second page contains all proposals. The state has six proposals; Wayne County has five proposals; Wayne County Community College has one proposal; and for those voters in Precinct 10 that are in the Lincoln Consolidated School District has two proposals. Clerk Wright further recommended voters who are eligible to vote absentee to vote absentee due to the length of the ballot and for those going to the polls on Election Day to review the sample ballot which is posted on the township's website and are available at the Clerk's Office. Also, if you chose to mail your ballot back the postage is sixty-five cents or you may drop your ballot off in the drop box located in front of Van Buren Township Hall or at the Clerk's Office.

Chief Besson announced Ashley Capital has donated to the Fire Department a structure in the 6400 block of Haggerty Road for a training burn which will take place on Saturday, October 27th.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:04 p.m. to 8:24 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Absentee Ballot qualifications; consent agenda; Visteon Bonds; need for sidewalks along Belleville Road and South I-94 Service Drive; Co-Generation facility project at Grace Lake; Planning Commission; FEMA floodplains; Beck Ball Diamond; insurance; Belleville Area Little League; Supervisor White thanked residents and Directors for working with him over the past four years and listed achievements.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.