

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
JANUARY 10, 2012**

**Chairman Dotson called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.**

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Chairman Dotson, Peters, Armstrong, Hayes, Medlen and Supervisor White.

Staff Present: Director Carroll and Secretary Grishaber

Absent: Tyler, Smart

Absent Excused: Covington, Ayer

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion White, Hayes seconded to approve the agenda for January 10, 2012.**

**Motion carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion Peters, Armstrong seconded to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2011 as presented.**

**Motion carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE: EMAIL FROM FINANCIAL CONSULTANT REGARDING LDFA BOND RE-FINANCING.**

Director Carroll informed the commissioners that at the last meeting there was some discussion about the possibility of re-financing the outstanding LDFA Bonds. The Deputy Treasurer to call the financial consultant poses that question to them. In the packet are included an e-mail he received back from Kari L. Blanchett, Senior Management Consultant the general tenor of the e-mail that they would not suggest it at this time. There may be a possibility sometime in the future.

Commissioner Peters inquired if Director Carroll could find out number (1.) would it be possible to re-finance bonds at this time? And what would be the pros and cons to re-finance at this time and the associated costs.

Kari Blanchett responded in the e-mail that the federal government only allows one advanced refunding of tax exempt municipal bonds. Since the LDFA bonds were in advance refunding of the 2003 bonds are not eligible to be refunded again until 3 months of the bonds being callable. The documents on the 2006 bonds are callable on or after April 1, 2015. This effectively means the LDFA may refund the bonds on or after January

1, 2015. Since the 2023 through 2032 maturities of the 2003 bond issue were not callable, they were not included in the 2006 refunding, as any refinancing of the department would come at a cost to the LDFA since they are not callable. Chairman Dotson would like to know what LDFA's options are for refinancing both immediately and at some point in the future. At some point the interest rates might make a difference. Director Carroll commented he would look into it and get back to the commissioners. Supervisor White requested a spread sheet for the next meeting for payments for both bonds and when they are due. By looking at the spread sheet the information will give the short fall and what that will be.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: RE-CONSIDER CHANGES TO BY LAWS**

The By-Laws of the LDFA are subject for approval by the Township Board after the last meeting where the commission adopts the by-law changes. We took the changes to the Township Board and they would like the LDFA to reconsider the 1. Point of limiting the overall discussion to 30 minutes that was the only issue that the Township Board had with the LDFA By-Laws.

**Section 6. Public Comment: Public Comment contains limitations with the following**

- **The speaker is limited to five (5) minutes**
- **The speakers are encouraged to give his/her name subject to the Developmental Services Department 48 hours prior to the public Authority meeting.**
- **There shall be no debate**
- **The speaker is encouraged to provide written copies of his/her comments**
- **Individuals who have not submitted prior will submit in writing their name and desire to address the Township Board**

Diane Madigan 20 year resident of Van Buren Township commented she feels LDFA should have the same By Laws as the Township Board of Trustees.

Pam Ruff has concerns about having something in writing the night of the meeting, not knowing what the agenda will be.

Commissioner Peters responded, saying that would fall under: The speaker is encouraged to provide written copies of his/her comments.

**Motion Peters, White seconded to move the proposed changes to the (2) bulletin point and the addition to the (3) bulletin point be recommended to the Board of Trustees.**

**Motion Carried.**

**General Discussion:**

Carl Johnson a 20 year resident had two comments (1) he feels that the budget should be on the web-site (2) the LDFA should have a broader spectrum than just Visteon. And the final point the 2003 bonds don't become mature until 2023 that's \$6, 589,000.00 it will cost the township \$17,550,000.00 in extra interest so it would be a great idea to refinance when possible.

**Audience: Non-Agenda Items- None**

**Motion Peters, Armstrong seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:50pm.**

**Motion Carried.**

**Tina Grishaber  
Recording Secretary**