

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 5, 2013**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, Chief Besson, Battalion Chief McNally, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Attorney McCauley, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixty-eight (68).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the revised agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes January 7, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 8, 2013; Special Board Meeting Minutes January 17, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Executive Assistant LaMothe introduced James Kosiba, a Van Buren Township resident and 8th grade student at Dearborn Heights Montessori Middle School. James is completing a 30 hour internship this week at Van Buren Township.

Chief Besson and Battalion Chief McNally introduced new probationary fire fighters Tim Craiger, Nolan Kennedy, Dallas Oleszkowicz and Mike Vlademar. Fire service awards were given for the highest number of 2012 paid-on-call responses to fire fighters John Hayden, David Brouillette, Bruce VanGemert and Mike Shores. Promotions to the rank of Fire Lieutenant were given to Ryan McCormick, Mike Shores, Bruce VanGemert, John Henderson (absent), Curtis Lunsford and Charles Dewitt. The 2012 William G. Gage Service Award for Excellence in the Fire Service was presented by Chief Besson, Battalion Chief McNally, Trustee Hart, along with Bill Gage's family members Tamara Gage, Aaron Gage, and Stephanie Gage to recipient, Bruce VanGemert.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the amended 2013 Planning Fee Schedule, as presented. Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the appointment of Connie Etter to the Cemetery Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by Cathy Horste with term to expire on December 12, 2013. Carried.

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) contract, January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the February 5, 2013 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Combs ordered the November 2012 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.