

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 1, 2014**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Planning Consultant Hodges, Executive Assistant LaMothe, DDA Director Ireland, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of fifteen (15).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda. Following public comment from John Delaney requesting removal of New Business Item #4 and a policy change to allow public comment at Work Study sessions the agenda was approved as presented. Carried

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda Work Study Session Minutes June 16, 2014; Closed Session Minutes June 16, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 17, 2014; Approval to use \$3,000 of Waste Management Cultural Activities grant money for the 2014 concert series and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the performance contracts; Voucher List of July 1, 2014 as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Combs read an email from resident CeJay Marshall thanking Ordinance Officers and Lt. Bazy for clean-up of blight property, Clerk Wright thanked former Deputy Clerk Cline for years of outstanding service and Board members welcome newly appointed Deputy Clerk Montgomery.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** DDA Director Ireland announced outer lane closure of Belleville Rd. until 7-3-14 with all lanes open during the holiday weekend. Fence repairs on Belleville Rd. awaiting parts. Additional fence damage (puncture) to be repaired by DPW. Residents expressed disapproval over agenda approval, requested policy change allowing public comment at Work Study sessions, real time discussions during Board Meetings and urged further discussion with the public on New Business item #4. Representative from Wayne County expressed concern that Board members did not receive adequate information regarding New Business item #3 and provided additional documentation for Board member review.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinance 06-17-14 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning 57.52 acres of land (Parcels V125-83-013-99-0011-000 and V125-83-013-99-0001-000) located west of Belleville Road and north of railroad viaduct from M-1 (Light Industrial) to M-2 (General Industrial). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller. Nays: None. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the telecommunications right-of-way permit application for Fiber Technologies Networks, LLC. Carried.

Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the request for special use for proposed expansion of used car sales and addition of vehicle servicing as "Quick Lane" operation. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to postpone consideration for approval of Resolution 2014-16, regarding litigation effort with Downriver Sewer System communities until the next regular scheduled Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Wright, McClanahan, Hart. Nays: Jahr, Budd, Combs. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to deny the attorney opinion letter and recommendation on Waste Management demolition waste product proposal. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Shred Day August 2nd from 9 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Township hall; last day to register for the August 5<sup>th</sup> Primary Election is Monday July 7<sup>th</sup>; public service announcements regarding elections on VBT12 coming soon; tax bills have been sent out and extended until the last day of September. Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: The fireworks were a huge success and thanked Waste Management, EQ, Wade Trim, Belleville Square and an anonymous donor for their financial support and the Public Safety and Recreation Departments; MDOT I-275 at Van Born Road Bridge repairs to begin July 7<sup>th</sup> with anticipation of re-opening on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Project will include I-275 posted trail closures; Health and Wellness Expo Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> from noon until 7:00 p.m. at the September days Senior Center. Free admission to the Expo. Visit the vendors and receive a free Turkey Dinner. Reservations required before July 28<sup>th</sup> or \$3.00 at the door. Western Wayne County Senior Olympics August 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; Zumba Gold adds Mondays to their weekly schedule at 10:30 a.m. \$4.00 drop in or \$30 for a 10 class punch card; Congratulations extended to our Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command graduates Sgt. Louis Keele and Sgt. Marc Abdilla; Belleville Area Museum and Historical Society Yard Sale noon-7:00 p.m., Book Signing with author Jean Scheffler 1:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Antiques Appraisal Day 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.. Proceeds to benefit the Don Keene Memorial Fund. For yard sale donations contact Katie Dallos 734.697-1944. Resident thanked the Water Department and Joe Strickland for covering an open man hole on Tyler Road at Haggerty. Rosemary Otzman announced the closing of the Secretary of State Office from July 14-20<sup>st</sup>. Reopening at the Davenport Plaza on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments by residents regarding presence of consultant at Board meetings, request to consider change to Work Study session policy to add public comment and to request to allow open public discussion during Board Meetings when item is on the floor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Wright moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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