

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, and an audience of four (4).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to amend the consent agenda moving Consent Agenda item #7 [Approval of Resolution 2017-01 the Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines] to New Business item #4. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of December 19, 2016, Board Meeting minutes of December 20, 2016, Prepaid List of December 22, 2016, Prepaid List of January 5, 2017, Voucher List of January 10, 2017 and approval of the extension of collection for the 2016 Winter Property Taxes without penalty through Tuesday February 28, 2017]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: White moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2017-02 and the long term storm water maintenance agreement with Constellium. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-03 Resolution 2017-03 and the long term storm water maintenance agreement with Belleville Petroleum. Motion Carried.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2017-04 and the long term storm water maintenance agreement with Aldi Inc. Motion Carried.

Stormwater maintenance agreements in conjunction with property owners, Wayne County and the municipalities of Wayne County have been in effect for over a decade. Board members expressed concern over agreement language that requires the Township to assume responsibility over storm water maintenance in the event a property owner became insolvent. In addition, that agreements of this nature are not required in other counties throughout Michigan. However, Board members agreed that until such time agreements were modified to relinquish the Townships responsibilities it was necessary to enter into agreements to move forward with development of the community.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2017-01 the Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Motion Carried. Income guidelines are set at 150% of the Federal guidelines which are less restrictive than the recommended federal poverty standards.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: the Township Administrative offices will be closed Monday January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.; the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meetings will be the Work Study Session on February 6, 2017 and the Board of Trustees meeting on February 7, 2017; Canton Township is participating in the "Smart City" concept that may also be beneficial to the Township and Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson has accepted a position in Leland Township. His last day will be February 24, 2017. Board members thanked him for his service to the community and will begin the search process to fill the position.

NON-AGENDA: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.