

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Consultant Sloan, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, Administrative Assistant Fleming, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson and an audience of five (5).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of October 5, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of October 5, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2015; Prepaid list of October 9, 2015; Prepaid List of October 15, 2015; Voucher List of October 20, 2015 and the re-appointment of Kiz Ahamiojie and Ronald Merritt II to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire of October 1, 2018.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Wright moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to receive public comment on Resolution 2015-37 to reprogram (transfer) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Housing Rehabilitation to Demolition at 7:05 p.m. Funds remaining in the Township's 2013 CDBG account and additional funds received from the HOME program must be spent or are required to be repaid. The Township has identified six buildings in the Township that have been ordered by the Building Official to be demolished. The demolitions would proceed upon transfer of the funds. Having received no public comment Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing at 7:08 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident thanking officer Fred Sweet for his professionalism and compassion in handling the passing of a family member, a letter from Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Van Tassel thanking Public Safety Director Laurain his Deputy Director Wright and staff for their assistance in patrolling the Belleville High School football games and a letter from a resident encouraging respect and support of law enforcement. Sam Shami of Leo's Coney Island presented a check to the Public Safety Department in the amount of \$750.00. Mr. Shami donated 15% of the total sales at his restaurant on 9/11/15. Funds received will be used to assist residents with fire safety. Wayne County Commission Al Hadious presented a proclamation to Trustee Phillip Hart in honor of his retirement, after 38 years, at Ford Motor Company and public service to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2015-37 to reprogram (transfer) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from Housing Rehabilitation to Demolition. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Special Land Use request by Trilogy Residences, LLC to demolish the existing tennis courts and construct a clubhouse and pool in the same area. Motion Carried

Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the first reading of the rezoning request from Belleville Development LLC to rezone parcel V-125-83-064-99-0002-002 from R-1B (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions and parcel V-125-83-064-99-0002-003 from C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) with conditions. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the proposal from Wade Trim in the amount of \$39,500 to provide professional services relating to the construction of the Walden Woods Paving Repairs Project. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the Candy Loop at Quirk Park on Saturday October 24, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Clerk Wright announced the Clerk's office will be open on Saturday October 31, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of absentee ballots, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Voters Right Act guaranteeing the rights of African Americans to vote and the 95th anniversary of Women's suffrage which allowed women to vote and reminded registered voters to vote on November 3, 2015. Administrative Assistant Pam Fleming announced that applications for holiday assistance through the Good Fellows will be available Monday November 2, 2015. Assistance is available to qualified residents of Van Buren Township and the City of Belleville only. Applications are available on the Township website or at the Van Buren Township Police Department. Residents must apply in person (identification required). For more information contact Pam Fleming at 734-699-8934.

NON AGENDA: None

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.