

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 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. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Sally Hodges (McKenna and Associates), Secretary Cline and an audience of five (5).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: McClanahan moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Minutes February 18, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 18, 2014; Appointment of James Williams, Van Buren Public School representative, to the Local Development Finance Authority with term to expire August 12, 2014; Voucher List of March 4, 2014.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on the use of fiscal year 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan, Miller and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

Supervisor Combs opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Supervisor Combs went to Sally Hodges from McKenna and Associates for an overview of the CDBG plan. Ms. Hodges stated this is the second of two public hearing held to hear public input for potential projects that would meet the CDBG funding guidelines with the first public hearing held in January. If the Board approves the project plan the township's application will be sent to Wayne County and Wayne County will hold a third public hearing. The projects are as follows: Beck Ball Field for improvements in the amount of \$93,750, Public Services for Senior Citizen Services in the amount of \$9,375, Public Services for Youth Services in the amount of \$9,375, Planning for updates to Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances in the amount of \$6,250, Administration for staff to administer program in the amount of \$6,250 with total funding amount of \$125,000. The Developmental Services Department has received no project requests. Trustee Miller inquired if the Administration costs was for the entire program. Ms. Hodges stated yes. Mr. Delaney, a resident made the following comments and questions: Inquired why Director Mullen was not in attendance at this meeting; what is the completing upgrades to the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinances for and who will receive these funds and would it be the Planning consultant; how does this qualify for a project under the guidelines; sidewalks are needed on the North Service Drive by the two hotels; use funds for Public Safety; would like to see more information provided to public regarding the availability of CDBG funds; who to contact at Wayne County to discuss the CDBG programs. Supervisor Combs stated Director Mullen had scheduled time off; the rewriting of Zoning Ordinance was included in the Township Budget and this is to offset the expense. Ms. Hodges stated the intent of the Planning funds is to support the overall rewrite the Zoning Ordinance for the betterment of the community with the funds being spent in accordance of the law. Treasurer Budd stated some of Mr. Delaney's suggestions do not meet CDBG requirements and this is for the 2014-15 CDBG funding noting there is still CDBG funds available from 2011-12 and Housing Rehabilitation; the CDBG funding has been advertised to the community; EDGE is where CDBG is administered through at Wayne County. Trustee Miller inquired how often does the Master Plan need to be updated and revised. Ms. Hodges stated by state statue the Planning Commission must reviewed every five years and explained the Planning Commission process. Supervisor Combs stated the Planning request does comply with use for CDBG funds and helps the community. Clerk Wright stated this is the second public hearing for public input and no other projects have been brought forward, also there is money available to assist residents for Housing Rehabilitation

and sidewalks are being worked on by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Trustee Hart stated the Planning amount of money is small and the staff will receive guidance for the update to the Zoning Ordinance. Rosemary Oztman from Belleville Area Independent stated ten percent for Administration is allowed; however, this proposal by the township is using five percent for Administration and five percent for Planning and at the last DDA meeting it was announced the DDA had acquired the easements needed for the sidewalks to be built by the hotels on the North Service Drive. Ernie Tozer, a resident does not feel this is proper use of CDBG funds and the township should expand the list of projects.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Jahr moved Miller seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, McClanahan, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a thank you letter from Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Michael Van Tassel to Director of Public Safety Laurain and the Public Safety Department for their assistance during a recent emergency at Rawsonville Elementary School.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Delaney inquired if an amendment was received as requested during Work Study to the Retail Fraud Ordinance and are the changes to the ordinances tonight part of what the CDBG funding is to be used for. Mr. Delaney also commended Public Safety Director Laurain and Chief Besson for their work during the winter storms regarding the bad road conditions and assisting residents. Supervisor Combs stated the Board has received the update to the Retail Fraud Ordinance regarding the number of days and the ordinances are not part of the CDBG update to Rezoning Ordinances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve proposed changes to the Salaried Employees Benefits Manual for new hires pension/deferred compensation contributions from twelve percent to ten percent. Carried.

Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve proposed use of fiscal year 2014-15 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Miller seconded to postponed, for further consultation with attorney, the first reading of General Code of Ordinance 3-4-14(1) to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 58 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article V Offenses Against Public Peace, by repealing Section 58-180, Begging. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of General Code of Ordinance 3-4-14(2) to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 58 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Offenses Against Property, by amending Section 58-147, Retail Fraud. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 3-4-14(2) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of General Code of Ordinance 3-4-14(3) to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Liquors, Article I In General, by amending Section 6-7, Purchasing, consumption and possession by persons under 21. Carried.

*(A copy of Ordinance 3-4-14(3) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs made the following announcements: Fire Chief Besson provided winter tips requesting residents and businesses to keep fire hydrants visible and accessible by removing snow around fire hydrants, do not block emergency exits and keep the address visible; Daylight saving time starts on Sunday, March 9th also, remember to change your batteries in smoke detectors, for residents of Van Buren Township if they cannot afford a smoke detector call 734-699-8910 to request an application for a free fire detector; Have a problem with your road in Wayne County call 888-762-3273; September Days Senior Center is hosting the Elder Law and Advocacy Center meeting on Thursday, March 6th at 10:00 a.m.; Summer Day Camp registration has begun, also registration for Get Up and Get Active (ages 9-14) to be held on April 21st through 25th call 734-699-8921 for more information on Recreation events; The Belleville Area Museum Annual Quilt Show runs through March 29th; A quilt show lecture will take place on March 20th at the Belleville Area District Library; The Friends of the Library is hosting a meeting with the Director of Public Works, Jim Taylor, on March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library; Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Spring Trade Show on Saturday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2: 00 p.m. at Belleville High School; The Willow Run Airport is attempting to break the world's record of the most Rosie the Riveters at one place on Saturday, March 29th; The Van Buren Civic Fund is hosting "Oh the Places You'll Go... in Van Buren Township" on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Atchinson Ford; Belleville Area Women's Club "Spring Fling Fashion Show" on Wednesday, April 30th at the BYC Club House contact Kathie Steigerwald at 313-570-6115 or Becky Thornell at 734-231-7326 for tickets with proceeds to benefit Community and Education Fund; Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wayne County Community College Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road.

Trustee Miller announced the Second Annual St. Vincent DePaul Charity Basketball benefit tournament will be held at Belleville High on March 29th between Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Police and Fire Departments.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Mr. Delaney stated handicap spaces are being covered with snow when being plowed and the township needs to look into an ordinance or enforcement of current ordinance. Trustee Jahr requested Public Safety Department look into this issue and provide a report to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

ORDINANCE NO. 3-4-14(2)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY

First reading of Ordinance 3-4-14(2). Second reading for adoption will be held at the 7:00 p.m. regular Board of Trustees meeting to be held on March 18, 2014 in the Board Room, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111.

The Charter Township of Van Buren ordains: Chapter 58 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Offenses Against Property, by amending Section 58-147, Retail Fraud.

Effective Date: This Ordinance adoption shall be effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting called and held on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

YEAS: Combs, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller.
NAYS: None.
ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Adopted:
Published: 3/13/2014.
Effective:

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