

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**  
**WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 4, 2016**

Clerk Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Miller and Trustee McClanahan. Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Assistant Director Lothringer, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Clair, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Public Services Director Taylor , Engineer Nummer, and an audience of five (5).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the proposal from Wade Trim for the design engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$45,000, for the proposed paving of McBride Rd. between Quirk Rd. and Beck Rd. Funds for the project, if approved, would be through participation in the Wayne County Local Road Initiative Program at 80% and 20% by Van Buren Public Schools. Board members indicated that engineering of the project was premature and expressed the desire to have an intergovernmental agreement and funding commitments in place with all parties prior to consideration of the engineering. Going forward a process would be put in place to review eligible applicants interested in funding projects.

Discussion on the 2016 McBride Rd. water main replacement project. The project will be considered if the McBride Rd paving project goes forward.

Discussion on Resolution 2016-05 allowing Van Buren Township to enter into a contract with SHVUA for financing of the Aeration Mixer Replacement Project. The estimated amount of \$627,000.00 will be paid from the Water & Sewer restricted cash reserves fund. By paying the entire amount determined by SHVUA the Township will alleviate interest payments on the bonds sold by SHVUA to fully fund the project.

Discussion on Resolution 2016-06 an extension of the temporary moratorium pertaining to medical marihuana establishments until May 9, 2016. The extension allows for the process timeline necessary to implement an ordinance addressing medical marihuana cultivation facilities and dispensaries.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (1) to amend the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 18- Buildings and Building Regulations Article I-In General by amending Sec. 18-1-18-3. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Building Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (2) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article II- Building Code by amending Sec. 18-31, Agency Designated. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Building Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (3) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18- Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IIA-Residential Code by amending Sec. 18-46, Agency Designated. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Residential Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (4) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18- Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III-Mechanical Code by amending Sec. 18-56, Agency Designated. The

Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Mechanical Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (5) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18- Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV-Plumbing Code by amending Sec. 18-81, Agency Designated. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Plumbing Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (6) to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18-Buildings and Building Regulations, Article VI-Electrical Code by amending Sec. 18-151, Agency Designated and by removing Sec. 18-171-18-402 Electrical Examining and Appeals Board, Licensing and Registration, & Permits and Inspection. The Ordinance addition clarifies the Township's adoption of the Michigan Electrical Code and its responsibilities thereunder.

Discussion on Ordinance 4-4-16 (7) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to provide for regulations governing Medical Marihuana Cultivation Facilities. The Ordinance would provide reasonable conditions for the cultivation of marihuana allowed by the Michigan Medical Marihuana Act, MCL 333.26421 et seq, as amended (MMMA) and prohibits medical marihuana dispensaries in all zoning districts.

Discussion on the 2016 Planning & Economic Development Budget Amendment. Requested budget amendments would allow continuation of scanning an upload of building department files, building demolition and ordinance enforcement administration.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cobblestone Ridge homeowner commented on conflicting information she had received regarding ownership and development rights of Sheldon Acquisitions and Van Buren Public School Board member Sharry Frazier thanked the Board for their consideration of the McBride Rd. paving project.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn to closed session at 5:41 p.m. for the purpose of discussion on the Attorney's recommendations and opinions regarding settlement strategy in Marvin v. Van Buren Twp. v. Gelb, Wayne County Circuit Court Case #14-004749-CH. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Absent/Excused: Combs. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss the Attorney's recommendations and opinions regarding settlement strategy in Marvin v. Van Buren Twp. v. Gelb, Wayne County Circuit Court Case #14-004749-CH.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to reconvene the work study session at 6:12 p.m. There being no further discussion Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn the work study session at 6:13 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Linda Combs, Supervisor

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