

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**  
**WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES**  
**APRIL 6, 2015**

Treasurer Budd called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent-Excused Supervisor Combs. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Knowles, D.D.A. Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Clair, Department of Public Services Director Taylor, Planning and Economic Development Consultant Fecho, Deputy Director Public Safety-Fire Besson, Attorney Greco and an audience of four (4).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion on the reappointments of Dr. Gerald Graf and Carl Pedersen to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire May 31, 2017.
2. Discussion on the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Gonczy's Property Maintenance commencing 2015 through 2017 with options to renew in 2018 and 2019. Three applicants completed the pre-bid tour and only two applicants' submitted bids. Clarification that the contract is for three (3) years with an option to renew an additional two years. Proof of liability coverage will be required each year.
3. Discussion on Resolution 2015-11 the Alliance of Downriver Watersheds amended by-laws. Highlighted change included the option of allowing members to vote by email. Both a representative and an alternate from the Township will be appointed to the board.
4. Discussion on job description for the Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development and the Personal Services Agreement between Darryl Fecho and the Township to fill the position. Board members clarified that the applicant was not receiving a salary in excess of the budgeted amount due to opting out of health care. The board was assured that the budget will covers this year's proposed salary and was based on the experience and education of the applicant.
5. Discussion on Resolution 2015-12 the Declaration of Intent to Establish a Special Assessment District-First Hearing for Venetian, Jeannette, and Dewitt roads. The Wayne County Road Initiative has awarded funds in the amount of \$750,000 for road improvements in the community. The initiative requires a 20% contribution by the Township which can be recovered through the establishment of a Special Assessment District. Residents of the proposed district circulated petitions in the proposed district and a 70% response in support of a Special Assessment District was received. Wade Trim would provide engineering services; drainage improvements in the proposed district were completed in previous years and, if approved, the project would be completed in 2015.
6. Discussion on the request by Sadek Properties, LLC (Dunkin' Donuts) for Special Land use approval for a drive-through restaurant at the BP Service Station, 10950 Belleville Rd. If approved Quizno's would be replaced with a drive-through Dunkin' Donuts. The design calls for the menu board to be off-set from the neighboring establishment and a landscape buffer between the two.
7. Discussion on the request by MDEQ to provide a presentation to the Board on the TENORM report. Placement on the Board meeting agenda of April 21, 2015 was discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident questioned if Township employees could opt out of health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act. He was advised employees providing proof of credible coverage from another source can opt out of the Township health care coverage.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn the work study. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** McClanahan moved, Hart seconded to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing attorney client privileged opinion, written communication, regarding litigation case #13-010175-CH. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, Miller and McClanahan. Absent-Excused: Combs. Motion Carried.

There being no further discussion, the Work Study Session was recessed at 5:10 p.m.

The Work Study Session was reconvened at 5:27 p.m. There being no further discussion Miller moved, Hart seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 5:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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