

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Late Arrival (7:11 p.m.): Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Developmental Services Director Akers, DDA Deputy Director Lothringer, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, and an audience of nineteen (19).

Supervisor McNamara requested the removal of New Business item #4 [To consider approval of the grant award between the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA) and the Township for the Summer Youth Employment Program (The REAL) and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement] and to move Consent Agenda item #6 [Approval of the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Township and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services] to New Business item #4. Trustee Frazier requested to move Consent Agenda item #3 [Prepaid List of April 21, 2017] to New Business item #5.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Martin moved, White seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of April 17, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of April 18, 2017, Prepaid List of April 26, 2017 and the Voucher List of May 2, 2017]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee White announced that May 15, 2017 is Peace Officers Memorial Day honoring Federal, State and Local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty. It is observed in conjunction with Police Week, May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness month and May 20-26 is National Boating Safety Week. Supervisor McNamara read an article announcing Ms. Lydia Marvaso, current Young Miss America for Pure International Pageants and 8th grader at McBride Middle School, will compete in the International Pageant June 15-18 in Orlando Florida, read a letter from a resident commending the summer youth employment program interview and informational meeting held April 27, 2017, invited the public to attend the National Day of Prayer observance on May 4, 2017 at five points park in the City of Belleville and encouraged everyone to Honor and Remember our fallen soldiers, Board Members read the names of local fallen soldiers, in remembrance, and observed a moment of silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to rezone parcel V125-83-093-01-0021-001 (40631 Alden Dr.) from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential). Motion Carried. The intent of the applicant is to eliminate the legal non-conforming use status of the property so they can construct an addition onto their home.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 5-2-17 (1) the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance. Motion Carried. A comprehensive update to the Township Zoning Ordinance was developed over the past three years and has been recommended for adoption by the subcommittee and Planning Commission. It provides a more user friendly format with hyperlinks, definitions and land use tables.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve entering into the regional 2016 Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program and amendment to line item: 101-336-741-000. Motion Carried. In 2016 the City of Ypsilanti took the lead in applying for a regional grant and was recently approved. The grant requires a 10% match by the Township to receive \$74,000 for life-saving equipment specifically for a state of the art CPR assistance device.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services. Motion Carried. The agreement is for three years, provides an annual increase of 2.5%, names each municipality as an additional insured and has been reviewed by Township counsel.

Frazier moved, White seconded to remove payment of air fare in the amount for \$562.41 from the prepaid list of April 21, 2017. Roll call vote. Yeas: Frazier and White. Nays: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin and Miller. Motion Failed. Board members expressed the desire to revise the travel policy to address concerns previously expressed over recent expenditures. Board members agreed to bring forth a travel policy for review at the next work study session.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the prepaid list of April 21, 2017. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright Martin and Miller. Nays: Frazier and White. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The February 2017 Budgetary Report was received. A copy of the report is available at the Clerk’s Office for review.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: September Days Senior Flea Market May 4 & 5 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Township Hall, the N.A.A.C.P. will meet May 8, 2017 at Canton Township Hall and the Van Buren Public Safety Department is distributing a brochure entitled “What to do when stopped by the Police” to area schools, copies are also available at the Township Public Safety Department.

NON-AGENDA: Residents expressed the following: Opposition to a Township “Lake House” and/or development on the DNR site on Belleville Lake with concerns over security, aesthetic view of the lake, traffic congestion, parking and maintenance; and concern over towing services provided by towing companies in Van Buren Township. Supervisor McNamara emphasized that the DNR property on Belleville Lake has not been acquired by the Township at this time. Any decision to purchase and develop the property would be voted on by the entire Board and public input on development would be encouraged.

Board members requested to have towing services utilized by the Township as an informational item at the next work study session.

Trustee White announced the Black Swallowtail Butterfly was recently designated as the State of Michigan’s official butterfly.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.