

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2015**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Miller and Trustee McClanahan. Late arrival (4:01) Trustee Jahr. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Clair, Attorney Vinson, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Deputy Director Public Safety-Fire Besson, Deputy Director Public Safety-Police Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Development Services Consultant Sloan and an audience of five (5).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the appointment of Mr. Khalil Rahal (Wayne County Representative) to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire at Wayne County's discretion. Mr. Khalil is a Wayne County resident and Interim Director of the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation.

Discussion on the re-appointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire 2-28-2017. Mr. Davenport is President of Davenport Construction. The Construction Board of Appeals only meets when the need arises.

Discussion on the request by Ashley Crossroads North LLC to establish Industrial Development District (I.D.D.) #25. If approved the I.D.D. would qualify for Incremental Finance Tax Abatements.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments included: protection of residential parcel and traffic concerns in the Van Born, Ecorse and Haggerty Road area; appointment of Mr. Davenport to the Construction Code of Appeals Board; Voucher expenditures for LDFA Attorneys; the need to keep LDFA Board members informed and unsecured areas in the Cobblestone Ridge

Supervisor Combs stated the Township attorney is working with the attorney representing Mr. Byarski to resolve the Cobblestone Ridge violations, some of the violations were being disputed, and securing open basements was a priority.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion, Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn to Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. to discuss on-going negotiations and administrative proceedings involving the POLC Command Officers. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: To discuss on-going negotiations and administrative proceedings involving the POLC Command Officers.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Study Session was reconvened at 6:21 p.m. There being no further discussion Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:22 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.