

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2015**

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. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Clair, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, DPS Director Taylor, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan, Deputy Director (Fire) Besson and an audience of ten (10).

Supervisor Combs requested a correction to Consent Agenda item #6 to read: "with a term to expire August 12, 2019" and removal of Consent Agenda item #7.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session Minutes of August 3, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of August 3, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2015; Prepaid List of August 6, 2015; Voucher List of August 18, 2015; Appointment of Mr. Khalil Rahal (Wayne County Representative) to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2019.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter thanking Officers Moening, Sweet and Hayes, Director Laurain, Deputy Director Wright and Senior Director Jordan on their assistance in locating a lost family member.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Fire Marshal job description as presented. Motion Carried. This job description replaces the full time Fire Inspector position in the MAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the Permanent Part Time Fire Inspector position as presented. Motion Carried. This is a new position in the MAFF Collective Bargaining Agreement with an average of 24 hours weekly.

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to grant Special Land Use approval to Denton Partners, LLC for a gas station and drive-thru restaurant at 49230 Michigan Ave. and 5825 Denton Rd. Motion Carried.

McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2015-33 authorizing the reassignment of the existing Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) water contract to the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA). Motion Carried. The approval process is in accordance to the 2015 lease agreement reached by the DWSD and the GLWA.

REPORTS: The June 2015 Budgetary Report was ordered received and filed. Copies are available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced anticipated vacancies on the Planning Commission, LDFA Board, Environmental Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and Local Development Finance Authority and the Water and Sewer Commission. Applications are available at the Supervisor's Office or on-line. Trustee Jahr announced the Environmental Commission has recently been reviewing environmental and health concerns associated with the use of coal tar based driveway sealers. The meeting was videotaped and airs on VBT12. Further discussion will occur at the Environmental Commission meeting on August 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall and the public is invited to attend and learn more. A resident announced that the LDFA recently considered and authorized a down payment of approximately \$4.5 million towards the tax incremental refunding bonds, Series 2015 bond refinancing.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents commented on: A need to perform background checks on applicants for committees and commission; disapproval of the approved ballot language regarding the Public Safety Millage; Support for the approved ballot language regarding the Public Safety Millage; Requested the Board take pay cuts and that Van Buren Township only collects 3% of the total taxes paid with the majority being paid to Wayne County.

Trustee Jahr commented that Board Meetings were the place to conduct Township business and requested that the Supervisor review whether comments regarding the Public Safety Millage were allowed. The Supervisor agreed and will seek a legal opinion.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.