

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 3, 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, DPS Director Taylor, Deputy Director Public Safety-Fire Besson, Deputy Director Public Safety-Police Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain and an audience of two (2).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the Job Description and Personal Services Agreement between Ronald A. Akers and the Township. Mr. Akers has been selected as the candidate to fill the vacant Planning and Economic Development Director position. He has a background in both the public and private sector.

Discussion on the Special Land Use request by Denton partners, LLC for a gas station and drive-thru restaurant at 49230 Michigan Ave. and 5825 Denton Rd. The gas station will be "USA to GO" and the drive-thru tenant has not yet been identified.

Discussion on the Fire Inspector-Permanent Part-Time Job Description. The position has been tentatively negotiated with the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) union and the Township. This position replaces language referred to in Article XVI, Section 7 recognized within the collective bargaining agreement.

Discussion on the Fire Marshall Job Description. The position has been tentatively negotiated with the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) union and the Township. This position replaces the previous job title of "Full-Time Fire Inspector" recognized in the collective bargaining agreement.

Discussion on Resolution 2015-33 assignment of the Detroit Water & Sewer Department Contract to the Great Lakes Water Authority. The lease agreement was approved 6-12-15. If approved the GLWA will assume the legal authority to continue the services called for in our existing water contract. Target date for the initial transfer from the DWSD to the GLWA is January 1, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments included: the desire to "take care of" the Developmental Services Department; language regarding certification requirements in the Fire Marshall and Fire Inspector-Permanent Part Time job descriptions; addition of a non-compete clause for fire fighters who receive training from Van Buren Township.

Board members comments included: A request for additional information regarding the scheduling of duty crew hours; update on the bond re-finance, update on Cobblestone Ridge and the need to move forward with the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion, Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adjourn to Closed Session at 5:15 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 6:46 p.m. There being no further discussion Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.