

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
AUGUST 31, 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 Jahr, Trustee Miller and Trustee McClanahan. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Director Ireland, DDA Assistant Director Lothringer, Executive Assistant Clair, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Engineer Nummer, Public Services Director Taylor and an audience of seven (7).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on awarding the contract for the reconstruction of Dewitt, Jeanette and Venetian Roads to Verdeterre Contracting per the recommendation of the Township Engineer. Three bids were received. Verdeterre Contracting's bid came in 3% above the lowest bid and was chosen in accordance with the Township purchasing policy which allows for a 5% leeway for a local contractor. Wade Trim Engineering completed the design engineering and will complete the construction engineering. Bid is under the original estimated total project cost.

Discussion on the Environmental Commission's recommendation regarding pavement sealcoat with PAHs content exceeding 1%. The recommendation by the Commission is to ban the sale and application of sealcoat with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) content exceeding 1% including but not limited to coal tar sealcoat. Findings reveal that exposure to PAHs exceeding 1% pose significant health concerns and negatively impact the environment. The Huron River Watershed Council is working on a model ordinance for Townships to consider adopting. The Board will seek the advice of legal counsel to determine the next course of action available.

Discussion on the Personal Services Agreement between Martin E. Ladd and the Township. Mr. Ladd has been selected for the position of Public Services Department Superintendent.

Discussion on the Personal Services Agreement between Matthew Best and the Township. Mr. Best has been selected for the position of Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development.

Discussion on the Mott Road Parcel Rezoning from C-1 (General Business) to R-2A (Single Family Residential). The applicant is seeking a change in the zoning to allow prospective buyers the opportunity to secure a conventional home mortgage which is not allowed under the current zoning.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Trustee McClanahan, on behalf of a resident, requested clarification on the grass/weed ordinance. Supervisor Combs stated the ordinance applies to all Township properties.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion Jahr moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:55 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.