

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 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, an audience of seven (7).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2015; Prepaid List of July 24, 2015; Prepaid List of July 29, 2015; Voucher List of August 4, 2015; Resolution 2015-32 supporting “No Reason Absentee Voting” and approval of the 2016 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Contract.] Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk Wright thanked RECALL Corporation for providing the annual free shred day on Saturday August 1, 2015 and Public Services Department personnel Kirk Jenkins, Mike Burgor and Jeff Fondaw for their assistance in making this service to the community a success.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the job description and Personal Services agreement with Ronald A. Akers and the Township and authorized the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. [Mr. Akers has been selected to fill the position of Director of Planning and Economic Development with a start date of August 17, 2015]. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Beck Road is currently closed between Tyler Rd. and Ecorse Rd. while the Detroit Water and Sewer Department completes water main repairs.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Residents commented on: The need for the Board to show budget cuts and savings in order to pass the Public Safety Millage; requested the Board contact DTE Energy to determine why areas in the Township consistently experience power outages and that this could possibly be a result of the use of sub-contractors ; Van Buren Township has the second lowest tax rate in Wayne County; most of the taxes on residents tax bills go to other entities with a significant portion going to Wayne County; that the Public Safety millage is a bait and switch to pay the Visteon bonds and that the Supervisor made statements, she denied, at the recent LDFA meeting.

Supervisor Combs said she would contact DTE Energy to determine power outages in the area and how we compare to other communities. She stands by any statements made, fully supports the Public Safety Department and is also well aware of the Visteon bond debt which will need to be addressed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.