

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, and an audience of fifty-two (52).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of August 31, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 1, 2015; Prepaid List of September 3, 2015; Prepaid List of September 10, 2015; Voucher List of September 15, 2015; appointment of Leonard Armstrong to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2019 and the re-appointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire February 28, 2017.] Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk Wright presented awards to Election Inspectors who had served 15, 20, and 30 years (and those who had passed). The individuals recognized have continuously supported the Clerk's Office and the community through their commitment to the election process.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident commented on the removal and subsequent addition of Board action items on the consent agenda at a later date with lack of discussion by the Board or input from the public and expressed dissatisfaction with the wording on a board action narrative.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wright moved, Miller seconded to consider the first reading of Ordinance 9-15-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-021-01-0006-0001 from C-1 (General Business) to R-2A (Single Family Residential). Motion Carried. The parcel is located on Mott Rd. The applicant is requesting 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.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2015-36 to defer the review of applications pertaining to Medical Marijuana establishments for 6 months to expire April 7, 2016. Motion Carried. Continuation of deferral allows the subcommittee to finalize their analysis, allows time for preparation, processing and public notification for an ordinance, and time for tours of existing establishments in other communities.

**REPORTS:** The July Budgetary Report was received and filed. A copy of the report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced Absentee Ballot Applications have been mailed to registered voters on the Permanent Absentee Voter List. Any registered voter interested in voting via Absentee Ballot

may contact the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or download the application from the Township website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Supervisor Combs apologized that she was in error when she indicated the Public Safety Millage could not be discussed during the Non Agenda portion of the meeting. Clarification was received by Township counsel and she had only referenced the Township Meeting Conduct Policy which is being reviewed due to the conflict.

Resident commented regarding inappropriate use of the announcement portion of the meeting which he felt should be limited to announcement of Township activities or those by Civic or non-profit organizations.

**NON AGENDA:**

Two residents made comments that included: the need for Board members to stay focused and transparent regarding the Visteon bonds, budget, committee and commission appointments, plan "B" and the upcoming public safety millage; appreciation for receipt of requested documents in a timely manner; perceived lack of support for the Public Safety command unit by Board members; freedom of speech and requested to have more interaction by Board members with the public in a non-formal setting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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