

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-January 18, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Denton Room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Debuck, Gibson, White

Absent Excused: Merritt, Akers

Staff: Best, Halstead

Audience: 4

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Gibson, Seconded by Debuck to approve the agenda with a modification to add item #3 5th Amendment to the Host Community Agreement. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Gibson, Seconded by Debuck to approve the Minutes from December 21, 2016 with (1) correction. *"The Hazardous waste treatment facility is renewing their permit with the township state, there is no process change or changes to the type of waste they take in."*

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A Question was asked if there was a follow-up with the activity at Tyler Pond. Best stated he made contact with the airport, but no one has gotten back with him. Brownlee asked if there had been anymore applications turned in for the vacant positions on the Environmental Commission. Best stated there has been one more application turned in since the last meeting and there are now three applications the Supervisor is reviewing. Best updated the commissioners on the water taste and odor issue that had been going around areas of the Twp. The Great Lakes Water Authority did testing and the water is safe to drink. The Township did its own testing as well and are anticipating the same results.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Coal Tar Ordinance Changes:** Best contacted Twp. Attorney, Patrick McCauley, and sent him the draft regarding the Coal Tar Ordinance addition of enforcement and licensing. Patrick McCauley made some revisions to the Penalties and Enforcement section.
Motion Debuck, Seconded by Gibson to approve the Coal Tar Ordinance as modified.
Motion Carried.

- 2. Shoreline Zoning Ordinance Amendment and General Ordinance:** Best went over the changes to the ordinance. He answered questions from the commissioners and audience.

The Shoreline Zoning Ordinance will be on the January 25, 2017 Planning Commission agenda for approval.

- 3. 5th Amendment to the Host Community Agreement:** Brownlee stated he had not seen copies of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th amendments. White said he would send copies of the amendments to the commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Landfill Gas Facility-WM Canton:** Ameresco, a renewable energy company, has an agreement with Consumers Energy and DTE to refine methane gas and put it into the gas supply system. They will be collecting landfill methane gas from the Canton facility and the Van Buren facility. They will be putting in a new pipeline, and building a new scrubbing and cleaning facility for the gas.

COMMENTS: Condolences were given for the passing of fellow commissioner and friend, Dave Wilson. He will be greatly missed.

Motion Debuck, seconded by Gibson to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary