

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
September 16, 2015**

Commissioner Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Ahamiojie, Gibson, Merritt, Wilson and Board Representative Jahr.

Absent/Excused: Chair Brownlee, Commissioner Debuck.

Staff: Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development Best, and Acting Secretary Lampinen.

Audience: (1) Member

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to elect Commissioner Gibson as Interim Chairperson, seconded by Commissioner Ahamiojie. **Motion Carried.**

Gibson motioned to approve agenda as amended, supported by Wilson. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion from Gibson to amend Unfinished Business item #3, page 2 of the minutes for August 19, 2015 to state: Commissioner Gibson asked if they had a street sweeper on site. Gibson motioned to have minutes approved with correction, Jahr seconded. **Motion Carried.**

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: Discussion of letter received from Senator Hopgood regarding fracking. Discussed concern about the Township possibly needing ordinance and regulations for taking TENORM waste. Jahr explained the landfill having a host service agreement possibly meaning prohibition of radioactive or medical waste etc. proposed reviewing the host service agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES

- 1. Coal Tar Sealant:** Deputy Director Best brought attention to the sample ordinance provided by Patrick McCauley the Township attorney. The draft is a sample ordinance of banning the use of pavement sealcoat with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) with content exceeding 1%. Jahr mentioned the use of Huron Valley Watershed's ordinance being a basis for this draft ordinance. Deputy Director Best confirmed the use of Huron Valley Watershed's and other ordinances under preservation of natural resources and wildlife to provide a basis for this sample draft. Jahr mentioned speaking with Huron Valley Watershed on that matter. Deputy Director Best expressed his concern with how to enforce this ordinance and how it will affect the residence and businesses. Some thoughts were to get input from commercial applicators. Jahr suggested to have a review of the sample draft and the list of commercial applicators on the agenda for the next meeting to have time to actively review it beforehand. Deputy Director Best mentioned trying to provide some options from the staff side on how to

have this ordinance enforced and having it on the unfinished business on the next agenda. Jahr motioned to have Coal Tar Sealant on the agenda for the next meeting, motion seconded by Wilson. **Motion Carried.**

2. **Recycling Road Map:** Gibson asked to postpone this item because of the absence of Chairman Brownlee who has been guiding this issue. Gibson motioned to have Recycling Road Map item #2 tabled until next meeting, seconded by Ahamiojie.
Motion Carried.
3. **Shoreline Ordinance:** Deputy Director Best shared the staff's pleasure with the status of the shoreline ordinance. Best mentions concern with how to enforce the ordinance. Commissioner Wilson asks if there will be cost associated with enforcement of this ordinance to the Township. Best explains it depends on how the Township chooses to do enforcement, but does not believe there will be any additional cost other than existing staff time. Gibson brought to attention a section of the Shoreline Ordinance on page 15; Section P regarding Watercraft Repairs. Gibson pointed out the statement of only fueling at marinas. Deputy Director Best clarified that it may be referring to commercial fueling, and said he will bring it to the attention of the person drafting it so the clarification can be made. Jahr mentioned reviewing this ordinance further at the next meeting in preparation for the final draft.
4. **Odor Complaints/ Procedures:** Deputy Director Best discussed the procedure of odor complaints being put in at Parks and Recreation, also reviewed the chain of command and who is contacted in event of a complaint.

NEW BUSINESS: There were no items of New Business brought before the Commission.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: Commissioner Merritt asks when the commission will be doing some more community service projects. Deputy Director Best informs that if they would like to do more community service projects in the future, they have the support of staff.

Deputy Director Best introduced himself and gave a description of his previous employment history.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wilson, Supported by Ahamiojie to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jessica M. Lampinen
Acting Recording Secretary