

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY
MINUTES
MEETING: JANUARY 12, 2016**

Chairman Dotson called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Dotson, Armstrong, Hayes, Peters, Williams, Karomoko, Delaney, Barker, Covington and Supervisor Combs.

Staff: Director Akers, Deputy Director Best and Recording Secretary Grishaber

Absent Excused: Dobriansky

Audience Members: (5) people in audience.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Peters, Hayes seconded to approve the January 12, 2016 Agenda.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Delaney, Willams seconded to approve the November 10, 2015 Minutes

Motion Carried.

PUBLIC MEETING: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Revised 2016 Meeting Schedule.

Director Akers handed out the revised 2016 LDFA meeting schedule.

Chairman Dotson explained to the committee that there are (6) meetings a year. Should a subject or emergency happen for the LDFA, an additional meeting can be scheduled.

Motion Peters, Delaney seconded to approve the 2016 meeting schedule for the LDFA.

NEW BUSINESS: Proposed Revision to the By-Laws of the LDFA

Director Akers informed the committee about the proposed revisions to the By-Laws regarding teleconferencing. At the November 10th 2015 meeting, a letter from Michigan Township Association legal team to Augusta Township in 2000 was discussed. This letter outlined several strategies that townships can use in order to have members attend meetings via teleconferencing. Based on this letter, revisions to the by-laws were proposed. If the members approve, the revisions will be sent to the Township Attorney for review

Director Akers explained to the committee all the changes made regarding teleconferencing. Chairman Dotson inquired if this item was not approved, there would have to be a discussion on what the board would like to see brought forward.

There was a general discussion with the members about the proposed changes for teleconferencing. It was asked if there would be a yearly limit to how many times you would be allowed to be 'present' via teleconferencing. Chairman Dotson stated that it would need to be defined.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

The LDFA by-laws state elections are every year in January. There are (3) Officer Positions, Chairman, Vice Chairman and corresponding secretary.

Covington nominated Michael Dotson for Chairman for Charter Township of Van Buren for LDFA 2016 calendar year.

**Motion Covington, Combs seconded the approval for Michael Dotson as Chairman
Motion Carried.**

Delaney nominated Doug Peters for Vice Chairman. Peters nominated Chuck Covington for Vice Chairman. Mr. Covington declined due to traveling conflicts.

**Motion Delaney, Covington seconded to approve Doug Peters for Vice Chairman.
Motion Carried.**

Peters nominated Chris Hayes for Corresponding Secretary.

**Motion Armstrong, Peters seconded to approve Chris Hayes as Corresponding Secretary.
Motion Carried.**

NON AGENDA ITEMS: None

Adjournment of the regular meeting to go into Closed Session at 2:38p.m.

Motion Delaney, Peters seconded to adjourn the regular meeting to go into Close Session

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Dotson, Karamoko, Armstrong, Covington, Hayes, Combs, Peters, Delaney, Williams and Barker.

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Tina Grishaber
Recording Secretary**