

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Administrative Assistant/Benefits Coordinator Sumpter, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and an audience of sixteen (16).

Supervisor Combs requested the following amendments to the Consent Agenda: Removal of items #6 [Approval of the Van Buren Township Policies and Procedures manual] and #7 [Approval of the Van Buren Township Salaried Employees Benefits Manual].

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended [Work Study Session Minutes of September 6, 2016, Closed Session Minutes of September 6, 2016, Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016, Prepaid list of September 15, 2016 and the Voucher list of September 20, 2016]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the results of the survey recently conducted. Copies of the survey are available at the Supervisors office, and on the Township website: www.vanburen-mi.org. Representatives of Wolverine Pipe Line Co. provided a presentation focusing on safety and accident prevention. The company has begun work in the community to install a second, adjacent, pipe line in the existing right of way. For more information visit their website at www.wolverinepipeline.com.

NON AGENDA: Resident comments included: concern regarding Township towing and impound vendors' fees, reminded residents to watch for children entering and exiting school buses, obey traffic speeds and laws, support for the Public Safety millage, opposition to the Public Safety millage, preservation of the Riggs house, displeasure with the process of approval to purchase three trucks for the building and grounds department, requested community assistance in addressing the heroine epidemic affecting our country and accused the Board of "willy nilly" spending. Clerk Wright announced a savings of \$473,362.00 in health care costs realized over the past year by the implementation of the Ameriplan health care reimbursement account and the employee mandated 10% health care co-pay. He assured the public that all spending is closely monitored, thanked Directors for staying within their budget and cited numerous years where departments came in under budget.

Miller moved to put this [discussion on the demolition of the Riggs house] on the next work study so it can be looked at further. Motion received no second. Motion Failed.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Date: _____.