

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 7, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Executive Assistant Selman, Economic Development Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, DDA Director Ireland and an audience of twenty three.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of February 21, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of February 21, 2017, Prepaid List of February 24, 2017, Voucher List of March 7, 2017, approval of the purchase of Dell EqualLogic Disk Storage Array approved in the Information Technology Capital Outlay budget.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Representative of the Van Buren Civic Fund presented a grant to Belleville High School in the amount of \$7,432.71 for video equipment and to the Lacrosse team in the amount of \$4800 for safety equipment. Proclamation to Sophie Zoller for 28 years of service as a member of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and numerous years of service to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident expressed opposition to international travel, passport expense, and placement of the public comment section on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Budd, seconded by Martin to approve the March 1, 2017 prepaid list noting the Clerk will reimburse the Township for the passport. Motion Carried. Board members expressed a desire to review the travel policy.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Frazier to approve the re-appointments of Craig Atchinson and Chris Brown and the appointment of Dawn Chappell to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with terms to expire March 9, 2021. Motion Carried.

Motion by Frazier, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (1) an Ordinance to grant the exclusive use and enjoyment of Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance will grant the exclusive use and enjoyment of Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. The area is delimited by the Zoning Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) which addresses where the specific exclusive use boundaries are. The property owner shall maintain the lake property in compliance with all existing applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to add a new article regarding the Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance adds language to the Township's Zoning Ordinance with regards to the regulation of physical improvements made to the Township owned property

around Belleville Lake. It also offers protections to the abutting property owners by grandfathering existing structures and establishes separate regulations for property abutting single family home (BLA zoning district) and multi-family/commercial properties (BLB zoning district).

Motion by Martin, seconded by Miller to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 02-21-17 (3) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to rezone those portions of Township owned Belleville Lake parcels that are located below the 655-foot contour line (1929 NGVD) or "Brow of the hill" to Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried. This Ordinance amends the Township's Zoning Map to incorporate the BLA (shoreline abutting single family homes) and BLB (shoreline abutting multi-family/commercial properties).

Motion by Budd, seconded by White to approve the first reading Ordinance 3-7-17 to amend and replace Ordinance 12-1-15 Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-158, with new Article V-Coal Tar Products, Sec. 42-151 through 42-159. Motion Carried. Changes to the Ordinance will include a lower PAH limit, sealcoat applicator registration and enforcement procedures.

Motion by White, seconded by Miller to approve the special land use request by Menard, Inc. to construct a home improvement store with outdoor sales and storage of landscaping and home improvement supplies at parcel V-125-83-061-99-0005-721. Motion Carried. Menards, Inc. had received special land use approval February 17, 2015 but did not commence construction as required and therefore must complete the re-approval process.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Announcements included: The Township is being awarded a grant from the Wayne County Mental Health Agency in the amount of fifty thousand for a Youth Summer Jobs program, the Detroit Pistons will be at Fire Station #2 on Belleville Rd. March 10, 2017 from 11-12 a.m., the Parks and Recreation Department received a thirty thousand dollar grant for the Iron Bell Trail which will run through the community on Huron River Dr. from the City of Belleville to the Huron Clinton Metro Park, Wayne County has awarded a grant in the amount of three hundred thousand to be shared with Huron Township, City of Belleville, Garden City and Sumpter Township for housing rehab for low to moderate income families, a drive thru dog clinic will not occur in 2017 because a veterinarian is not available to provide the service , the Van Buren Civic Fund will host Play Ball 3rd annual Detroit Tigers alumni soft ball game on Saturday , May 20, 2017 at noon 46425 Tyler Rd no admission fee to attend the game and Aldi's will open Thursday March 9, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

NON-AGENDA: Comments included: request to include public comment during discussion on business items, opposition to the proposed 5th amendment to the host community agreement and desire to investigate possible methane gas revenues.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, White seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.