

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, Executive Assistant Selman, Engineering Consultant Sloan and an audience of nineteen (19).

Supervisor McNamara requested the agenda be amended removing New Business item #1 [To consider approval of Johnson Controls, Inc. /Controls/Tyco Integrated Security to provide a new security card access system for Township buildings in the amount of \$32,006.00] and replace it with Discussion on the Iron Belle Trail Project.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, White seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session minutes of February 5, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of February 6, 2018, Prepaid List of February 8, 2018, Prepaid List of February 15, 2018, Voucher List of February 20, 2018, Approval of the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2019]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Update on the Iron Belle Trail project. When completed the Iron Belle Trail will be the longest state trail in the nation connecting Belle Isle in Detroit to Iron Wood in the Upper Peninsula. It will consist of 1,221 miles of hiking trail (72% completed) and 798 miles of non-motorized trail (62% completed). The project incorporates a safe connection from Downton Belleville to Lower Huron Metro Park and requires a 25% contribution of funding by the Township. Grants have been identified and will be applied for to cover the required 25% funding. A public informational meeting was held at Belleville High School on January 31, 2018 at which attendees identified route options and expressed pros and cons of each. Recreation Director Wright presented a PowerPoint presentation identifying the five route options to the Board. Three of the options were discarded by the Board because they would require right of way access from the railroad which has informally been denied. The two remaining options will be further reviewed and presented to the Board at the first meeting in March for final consideration. A public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed trail route will be held in conjunction with the March 6, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Audience comments included: A request for assistance in addressing the poor road condition of Sumpter Rd. between Bemis and Hull, concern over the recent Van Buren Township street address correction, concern over a Sumpter Township property being incorrectly identified as being in Van Buren Township and best

wishes to the Board on behalf of Michigan State Representative Kosowski. Clerk Wright outlined the process involving the correction of all Van Buren Township addresses since the initiative was assigned to him during the strategic planning session held in 2014. The process has been completed and any resident who has concerns or has identified any further corrections required is encourage to contact him at 734-699-8909. Trustee Frazier expressed displeasure with the process involved in the address correction citing her desire to have the zip code changed, Board discussion, community input and tri-community input prior to the correction because she was not part of the strategic plan, was never given a copy of the strategic plan and did not know one existed.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____