

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 3, 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, Executive Assistant Selman, Museum Director Dallos, Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow, Water and Sewer Director Taylor and an audience of sixteen (16).

Trustee Frazier requested the agenda be amended removing Consent Agenda item #5 [Voucher List of April 3, 2018] and placing it as New Business item #4.

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

CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session minutes of March 19, 2018, Board Meeting minutes of March 20, 2018, Prepaid List of March 22, 2018 and the Prepaid List of March 29, 2018]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Representative from the Van Buren Civic fund presented grant in the amount of \$5,763.00 to Museum Director Dallos for exhibits and a grant in the amount \$7182.25 to Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow for gas detection equipment. Clerk Wright asked for a moment of silence and read a narrative commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination and honoring his legacy. Trustee White reflected on his history of growing up in the south during the Civil Rights movement, how his community was integrated, that he read a book on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. he later presented to Carl McClanahan the first Van Buren Township African American Public Safety Director he personally hired and encouraged everyone to judge people on the "content of their character".

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2018-05 the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority (DUWA) definitive agreement. Motion Carried. This is the final step in transferring wastewater treatment to the thirteen participant communities of the Authority.

Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the request to amend the Township's future land use map to change the future land use designation of the approximately 75-acre parcel at 50015 Michigan Avenue from Low Density Single Family Residential B to Light Industrial. Following lengthy discussion by Board members about the process requirements of future land use changes specifically noting that there is no requirement to notice residents. Several Board members expressed the desire to have further public input and notification. White moved Miller seconded to postpone the item until the next meeting. Clerk Wright called for a point of order and called the question. Supervisor McNamara called for a vote on the second motion to postpone the item until the next meeting. Roll Call Vote. Nays: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Yeas: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion Failed. Supervisor McNamara called for a vote on the first motion to approved the request to amend the Township's future land use designation of the parcel at 50015 Michigan Avenue from Low Density Single Family Residential B to Light Industrial. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Nays: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-03-18 to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 5-7-17 (2) to modify certain accessory buildings regulations. Motion Carried. Proposed amendments address minimum setbacks, approval process for accessory building which exceed the lot coverage requirements in non-residential districts, concrete floor and rat wall in agricultural districts and detached shed exemptions.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Voucher List of April 3, 2018. Motion Carried. Trustee Frazier commented on the airfare expense that appeared on the prepaid list of 3-22-18 associated with Clerk Wright's attendance the IIMC conference in May where he will be sworn in as the IIMC Region V Director. Clerk Wright requested that Trustee Frazier stop questioning his expenses that have been approved, are in compliance with all policies and have been discussed on multiple occasions.

Resident questioned expense associated with McKenna and Associates. Supervisor McNamara advised the resident that McKenna and Associates was approved by the Board as the Township planning and consulting firm during the qualification-based selection process.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Township is seeking residents interested in serving on the Local Finance Development Authority and Water and Sewer Boards. Applications are available at the Supervisor's office, the Robotics competition recently held at Belleville High School was a huge success and a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Devon Turner will be held at the BYC on Tuesday April 10, 2018 from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Included a rebuttal by Trustee White to an article in the Belleville Area Independent by a resident citing there was misinformation regarding expenditures associated with his attendance at training sessions, displeasure with cancellation of the Work Study session of April 2, 2018, request to change Township operating hours, desire for all board members to receive information equally, questioned Treasurer Budd's Thursday breakfast meet ups with residents, fines and fee increases, questioned who called the media to be in attendance at the meeting and a request for the back stabbing at the Board table to stop.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____