

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
AGENDA**

Special Meeting: Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 2:00 p.m., Denton Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Dotson	_____	Doug Peters	_____
Charles Lerocque	_____	John Delaney	_____
Leonard Armstrong	_____	James Williams	_____
Chuck Covington	_____	Shareen Barker	_____
Scott Medlen	_____	Vacant	_____
Supervisor McNamara	_____		
Recording Secretary Grishaber	_____		

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Regular Meeting: July 24, 2018
2. Special Meeting: September 4, 2018

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Marketing/Community Outreach Update

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Proposed New Attorney Fee Rate

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please notify Secretary Grishaber at 734.699.8913

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES JULY 24, 2018 - DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dotson called the meeting to order at 2:03pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Dotson, Armstrong, Barker, Williams, Covington, Williams, Delaney, Peters, McNamara, Medlen

Absent/Excused: Lerocque

Staff: Director Akers, Secretary Tina Grishaber

Audience Members: 3

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion Delaney, Armstrong support to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion Peters, Delaney support to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2018 meeting.

Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Director Akers informed the committee has (2) new members to the LDFA. He introduced Scott Medlen. Charles Lerocque will start next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Marketing/Community Outreach Update:

Item update on Grace Lake Building. The Township should have the review completed in a few days, and the building permit will be processed shortly after.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. 2017 Audit

Deputy Treasurer Bellingham gave an overview of the Local Development Finance Authority's 2017 Audit. There was discussion regarding the audit and the bond payment shortfall.

2. Proposed 2019 Budget

Director Akers and Deputy Treasurer Bellingham gave an overview of the 2019 proposed LDFA budget. There was discussion regarding the bond shortfall and fund balance moving forward.

**MOTION:** Delaney, Peters support to recommend the 2019 LDFA Budget to the Township Board.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### 3. Timeline for Compliance with State Law Changes

Director Akers presented a timeline to bring the LDFA into compliance with State Law Changes that take in effort in 2019. There was discussion regarding the scheduling of the required informational meetings, the annual reporting requirements, and financial reporting requirements.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Chairman Dotson thanked both Supervisor McNamara, Directors Akers and Staff for always being available to help and work as a great team.

Committee member Delaney suggested that the Township do a promotion at Grace Lake with the new Fire Department ladder truck which reaches up to 100 feet and to do some photos to promote Van Buren Township.

**MOTION:** Delaney, Dotson support to work with Supervisor McNamara and the Public Safety Department to schedule a date and time to use the new fire apparatus at the Grace Lake Corporate Center sometime in September 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Delaney, Peters support to adjourn the meeting at 3:04pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tina Grishaber

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - DRAFT**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Dotson called the meeting to order at 2:01pm.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Dotson, Armstrong, Barker, Williams, Covington, Delaney, Peters, McNamara, Medlen

Absent/Excused: Lerocque, Williams

Staff: Director Best

Audience Members: Patrick McCauley, Kaveh Kashef

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Delaney, Armstrong support – Unanimous - the LDFA Board went into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with the Township attorney regarding pending Visteon litigation. Went in at 2:03 pm and came back at 3:28 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Delaney, Peters support to adjourn the meeting at 3:29pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew R. Best

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN  
RESOLUTION 2018-18**

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall, the following information was offered:

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2012, the Township entered into a retainer agreement with the law firm of Clark Hill with Kaveh Kashef as lead attorney to represent the Township's interest in litigation against Visteon Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, that retainer agreement established a flat rate hourly attorney fee of \$300.00; and,

WHEREAS, there has been no request to increase that flat rate for the past 6 years; and,

WHEREAS, Kaveh Kashef, now a shareholder in the Butzel Long law firm and continuing as lead attorney for the Township in the Visteon litigation, has requested an adjustment in the attorney fee hourly rate to \$375.00 effective as of August 1, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, the Township believes an increase in the hourly rate is appropriate and the new rate of \$375.00 is reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, upon motion by \_\_\_\_\_, and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the new hourly rate of \$375.00 for all attorneys of the Butzel Long law firm working on the Visteon litigation on behalf of the Township which new hourly rate shall be effective as of August 1, 2018.

Yeas:  
Nays:  
Absent:

**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2018, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 27, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: August 21, 2018

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk



**UNITED STATES  
CONSUMER LAW**

**ATTORNEY FEE SURVEY  
REPORT**

**2015-2016**



**Ronald L. Burdge, Esq.**

Michigan

	This Survey
Firm Size	2.4
Median Years in Practice	20.0
Concentration of Practice in Consumer Law	80.0
Primary Practice Area	Consumer Law
Secondary Practice Area	Bankruptcy
Number of Paralegals in Firm	1.4
Last Time Rate Change Occurred (months)	20.4
Median Paralegal Rate for All Paralegals	75
Average Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	346
25% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	275
Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	325
75% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	400
95% Median Attorney Rate for All Attorneys	675
Median Metropolitan Attorney Rate	313
Median Non-Metropolitan Attorney Rate	375
Median Attorney Rate in Northern Area of State	375
Median Attorney Rate in Southern Area of State	350
Median Attorney Rate in Eastern Area of State	300
Median Attorney Rate in Western Area of State	350
Median Attorney Rate in Central Area of State	375

Median Rates for Practice Areas

	25% Median	Median	95% Median
Attorneys Handling Bankruptcy Cases	225	263	350
Attorneys Handling Class Action Cases	250	350	700
Attorneys Handling Credit Rights Cases	275	350	675
Attorneys Handling Mortgage Cases	300	333	700
Attorneys Handling Vehicle Cases	240	350	675
Attorneys Handling TCPA Cases	300	350	675
Attorneys Handling Other Cases	200	225	350

Experience Variable Table

Years Practicing Consumer Law	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	231
3-5	263
6-10	306
11-15	390
16-20	319
21-25	413
26-30	420
31-35	383
36-40	419
41+	263

Specialty Variable Table

Percentage of Consumer Law Practice	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
100	372
90	396
80	300
70	250
60	325
50	300

Small Firm Size Variable Table

Years in Practice	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	250
1-3	263
3-5	238
6-10	306
11-15	375
16-20	350
21-25	425
26-30	400
31-35	383
36-40	325
41+	300

Large Firm Size Variable Table

Years in Practice	Average Attorney Hourly Rate
<1	200
1-3	200
3-5	275
6-10	300
11-15	513
16-20	450
21-25	400
26-30	475
31-35	525
36-40	700
41+	550