

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant Selman, Secretary Montgomery, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Museum Director Dallos and an audience of ten (10).

Supervisor McNamara request the order of new business be changed moving item #4 to item #1 with all remaining items to be discussed sequentially.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on leasing a portion of the old Fire Hall (located at 130 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Belleville) to O’Neal Construction Inc. for a term of 20 months. The agreement provides a short-term lease to O’Neal Construction at the old fire hall adjacent to the museum in exchange O’Neal Construction agrees to pay \$400.00 a month for 20 months and provide repairs to the decaying brickwork.

Discussion on Resolution 2018-11 Opioid Litigation Resolution, approval for Authority to Represent and Professional Services Agreement between the Township and Sommers Schwartz. The multi-jurisdictional lawsuit is being spearheaded by the law firm Sommers Schwartz and is being brought against opioid pharmaceutical companies and opioid retailers.

Discussion on the first reading of Ordinance 06-19-18 to rezone parcels 83-021-99-0002-000; 83-021-99-0001-000; 83-022-01-0003-004; 83-022-01-0004-003; 83-022-01-0005-005; 83-022-01-0006-001; 83-022-01-0007-001; 83-022-01-0008-003; 83-023-99-0005-000; otherwise known as the Harold Smith Farm at 50015 Michigan Avenue & 50061 Michigan Avenue from R1-C, Single Family Residential to M-1, Light Industrial with conditions. The rezoning request has received approval from the planning commission. A public informational meeting was held on June 11, 2018 with an attendance of approximately fifty residents from the neighboring Denton Village subdivision. A Public Hearing was held June 13, 2018 at which three comments received all of which were in support of the re-zoning. Conditions include a residential buffer area that includes a ten-foot berm with eight-foot evergreen trees.

Discussion on the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority’s approval of the 2018 Aerotropolis dues. Bob Luce, Executive Director of the Detroit Region Aerotropolis, provided a brief update indicating 28 project sites have been identified this year with 14 of those sites being within Van Buren Township, potential development currently identified as “project pancake” at the Harold Smith farm on Michigan Avenue, development of partnerships with the foreign chamber of commerce, State of Michigan, additional funding from CBRE real estate services, established voting rights for participating members and an increased presence at business development conferences and trade shows on a global basis. Recent major projects within the Aerotropolis region include Amazon (Romulus), Penske (Romulus) and German manufacturer Brose (Huron Township). The Aerotropolis report may be downloaded from the website [www. DetroitAero.org](http://www.DetroitAero.org).

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 4:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.