

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**  
**WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 20, 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant Selman, Secretary Montgomery, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Public Services Director Best, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Director (Fire) Brown, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Attorney McCauley, Attorney Kashef, Attorney Bartos and an audience of seven (7).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on entering into an agreement with Midwest Recycling Inc. The agreement allows for the placement of used clothing and shoe recycle/collection bins within the Township. In return the Township would receive six (6) cents per pound. Board members expressed concern over potential blight issues. A representative from Midwest Recycling Inc. indicated the bins would be monitored on a frequent basis and any concerns would be promptly addressed.

Discussion on Resolution 2018-15- 2018 Tax Rate Request. The resolution established the Township's tax rate for the December tax levy. The requested tax rates comply with appropriate millage reduction fractions (Headlee and Truth in Assessing).

**CLOSED SESSION:** Frazier moved, White seconded to go into closed session at 4:28 p.m. to (1) consult with the Township attorney regarding pending Visteon litigation (2) to discuss on-going Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) contract negotiations and (3) to discuss on-going Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: Wright. Motion Carried.

Frazier Moved, White seconded to reconvene the Work Study Session at 5:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Discussion on Resolution 2018-13 the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement between the Township and Speedway LLC. The agreement designates that the property owner will be responsible for and maintain the stormwater facilities on the property at 9273 Belleville Road.

Discussion on the use and holdings of Van Buren Township owned properties. Director Best presented an overview of Township owned properties. Board members discussed the potential disposal, use and future use of each parcel.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to table discussion on Township owned parcels until after discussion on the remaining agenda items. Motion Carried.

Discussion on Ordinance 08-21-18 to rezone parcel V125-83-047-99-0007-701 (9275 Haggerty Rd.) from C-1, General Business to OT, Office Technology. The request has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission and a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2018 during which no public comment was received. Upon approval by the Board the rezone would allow the applicant to pursue an office technology development on the site.

Discussion on the request for special use approval to operate a drive thru restaurant at 10573 & 10551 Belleville Road. The applicant is seeking approval for a drive thru restaurant in conjunction with a multi-tenant building, located on the east side of Belleville Road, adjacent to Belle Tire. The request has received Planning Commission approval and a Public Hearing was held on August 8, 2018 during which no public comment was received.

Discussion on Ordinance 08-21-18 (1) changes to the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to add the High Tech, Data Processing, and Computer Centers use to the M-1, Light Industrial zoning district. This change in the current zoning ordinance adds the additional use within the M-1 zoning district.

Discussion on the petition and Resolution 2018-17 for the abandonment of a portion of the Denton Drain as proved in Chapter 17 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended. Project "Pancake" is developing the property upon which the beginning portion of the Denton Drain is found. This section of the drain will be abandoned as the property is being developed as a high tech automotive research facility. The petition and resolution are required by the Michigan Drain Code of 1956 for this abandonment to occur.

Continued Board discussion on Township owned properties. Board members expressed a desire to develop a strategic plan and vision to address future facility needs. Further discussion occurred regarding potential construction of a pole barn to house fire equipment on the fire station #2 property, a new water and sewer facility on the property where the water tower is located and potential movement of building and grounds storage at the old fire stations on Tyler and Ecorse Roads to the current water and sewer facility located behind Township hall. There was a consensus by Board members that further discussion would be necessary before any action is taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was received.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further discussion Miller moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:28 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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