

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Ostrowski. Absent and excused: Trustee Partridge. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Public Safety Interim Director McClanahan, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of one hundred nineteen (119).

Supervisor White thanked the Haggerty Elementary School Cub Scout Troop 821 for leading the pledge of allegiance tonight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the postponement of New Business Item # 6 “Consider recommendation for attorney file #88395 (Frankling).” Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Ostrowski moved, Wright seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes February 1, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes February 2, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wayne County Department of Environment is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, March 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Redford Public Services located at 12200 Beech Daly Road. For more information contact the Wayne County Department of Environment at 734.326.3936.

The Belleville Area Historical Society will host Freedom Road to Canada presented by Maria Ford Conliffe on February 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum.

The Belleville Area Museum, Western Wayne County Quilting Guild and Treads ‘N Treasures Quilt Shop present the 2010 Quilt Exhibit “Patches & Patterns” from March 2nd through March 31st. If you have a quilt to loan for this display please contact the museum at 699-1944.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

Supervisor White read portions of the Township Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of William Osier and G. Frank Bellomo to the Construction Code Appeals Board with terms to expire February 28, 2013. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to postpone until the next Regular Board Meeting the Public Safety Director job description and to advertise for the position. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve Chief Loyer’s specs to go out for Fire Department radios bids. Carried.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the permit application UT# 7648688 from AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the Tyler and Quirk Roads rights-of-way from the southeast corner of the Tyler and Quirk Roads intersection to the new water tower drive. Carried.

Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the permit application UT# 7429164 from AT&T to install telecommunications infrastructure in the Rawsonville and Bog Roads rights-of way north of the Rawsonville and Bog Roads intersection. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the February 16, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced annual cemetery cleaning will begin March 1st and run through March 21st receptacles placed on graves will be discarded if not removed by March 22nd and new items may be displayed beginning April 2nd. The Township provides maintenance for the following cemeteries: Denton, Soop, Tyler and Otisville. For additional information contact DPW Leader Fondaw at 734-699-8925 ext. 9228.

Deputy Clerk Cline announced the Special Recall Election will be held Tuesday, February 23rd. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday February 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing absentee ballots. The last day to vote an absentee ballot is Monday, February 22nd until 4:00 p.m. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909 for additional election information.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents the 2009 tax winter deadline has been extended to Friday, February 26th noting there is a drop box in the Public Safety Department for payments after hours and weekends.

Bob Thorne announced a fundraiser for Citizens for Better Community on Friday, February 19th at Lodge Lanes.

Don Schoenberger announced he would like to dedicate this meeting to Max Johnson. He also announced his starting an organization called FOSA (Freedom of Speech Advocates) and welcomes all residents.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:07 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. by the audience and Board regarding the following topics as follows: Public Safety Department, Board Rules of Conduct, Board members conduct, Roberts Rules of Order, Freedom of Speech, Budget, political activities in the township, WalMart compliance to site plan and Ethics Policy.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.