

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

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Public Safety Interim Director McClanahan, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-three (33).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Partridge moved, Hart seconded to approve the revised agenda as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes March 1, 2010 as presented. Carried.

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

Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Special Board of Trustees Minutes March 3, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes March 3, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Treasurer Budd read a thank you letter addressed to Interim Public Safety Director McClanahan, Fire Chief Loyer and to all of the Public Safety Department employees who responded to a resident's husband's recent medical crisis.

Treasurer Budd read a letter addressed to Deputy Clerk Cline, Account Clerk Montgomery, Accounting Coordinator Morse and Bookkeeper Towles in regard to the negative letter read at the previous Board Meeting about the Clerk's Office and the February 23rd election process, stating she was sure the election process was handle correctly and thanked each member of the Clerk's Office for the job they had done.

Director Ross presented Public Safety Administrative Assistant Pam Fleming with the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association Community Service Award as the lead coordinator for Van Buren Township's Goodfellows program for the past eighteen years.

Supervisor White read a thank you letter addressed to Deputy Clerk Cline from an election worker for her assistance during the February 23, 2010 election.

Supervisor White stated he had received several letters regarding Public Safety. A note from a resident thanking Officer Traster for the help she provided during a recent incident and a letter from a resident thanking Officer Long for resolving an issue. The Board of Trustees thanks our officers for their outstanding service to our residents.

Supervisor White on behalf of the Township Board of Trustees recognized Director Linda Combs for her service to the September Days Senior Center and wished her the best in future endeavors in her retirement.

John Delaney read a letter commending Lynette Jordan for her work in September Days Senior Center, commented on Director Combs education, thanked Interim Director McClanahan and Fire Chief Loyer

for their presentations during Public Safety Committee Meetings and commented on Trustee Hart, the Board Representative to Public Safety Committee.

Colleen McDonald introduced herself stating she is running for State Senate in the 7th District.

Trustee Hart stated his record for Public Safety speaks for itself.

Trustee Jahr commented on the political agenda of John Delaney in regard to comments he made about Director Combs and cautioned allowing this type of correspondence to be read.

Donald Schoenberger commented on the reasoning for John Delany's negative comments he made tonight and the last Board Meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to postpone adoption of Resolution 2010-07, to adopt the Articles of Incorporation for a Downriver Sewer Utility Authority." until the first Board Meeting in April and to hold a Special Work Study Meeting on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. for further information. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the following: the reappointment of Margaret Thompson to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with term to expire January 15, 2012; the appointment of Helen Wylie to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with term to expire January 15, 2012; the appointment of Stephanie Soja to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with term to expire January 15, 2011 to fill a vacancy. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the distribution of the Belleville Road District Plan and Market Analysis to neighboring jurisdictions as a proposed Master Plan update in accordance with Public Act 33 of 2008. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to grant a second extension of the final preliminary plat approval for the Bedford Cove Subdivision for one year and nineteen days to expire April 9, 2011. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Hart, Jahr, Partridge and White. Nays: Ostrowski. Absent: Wright (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to allow the Fire Department to purchase the portable radios for the Van Buren Township Fire Fighters from Herkimer Radio Service at a cost not to exceed \$46,400 to come from the E-911 Fund as budgeted. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association Inter-Local Agreement and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the Agreement and naming Chief Loyer as the Township appointed representative. Carried.

Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Huron Valley Ambulance (HVA) and Van Buren Township Service Agreement and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the March 16, 2010 voucher list as amended with the corrections to the two account numbers and the remainder as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Ross announced the following events: Open registration has begun for the three summer day camps: Tot Camp, Day Camp and Tween Camp. Also, the Recreation Department multi-purpose room and the gymnasium are available to be rented on Saturdays and Sundays please call

the Recreation Department for availability, rental policies, times and rates. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Director Swallow announced Yard Waste pick-up will begin the first full week of April.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:52 p.m. to 9:22 p.m. by the audience and Board regarding the following topics: February 23, 2010 Election, Ethic's Policy, Township Board members, Township Attorney, Township Policies, Freedom of Speech, Fire Department, allowing personal attacks on Township employees and cautioned drivers to be watchful of pedestrians and dogs on the roads.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.