

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 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, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, DPW Director Knepper, Public Safety Interim Director McClanahan, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-nine (29).

A moment of silence was held in honor of former Van Buren Township Trustee George Heifner who recently passed away.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** White moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following changes: to postpone New Business Item #4. "Consider the bids for the Linda Vista water and sewer connection to the Mission Pointe Project." to postpone New Business Item #5. "Consider the construction administration proposal from Wade Trim for the Linda Vista water and sewer connection to the Mission Pointe project." and to add New Business Item #4. "Consider adoption of Resolution 2010-09, Authorizing Sale of Claim in Visteon Bankruptcy." Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes March 15, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes March 16, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Hart seconded to approve the Special Work Study Session Minutes March 22, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Special Board of Trustees Minutes March 23, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Closed Session Minutes March 23, 2010 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Fire Department presented Shylah Brooks with a certificate in recognition for her heroic acts in saving a life and minimizing fire damage during a recent fire.

On Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> a fundraiser will be held at Taylor Lanes for Mark "Boo" Ford, a sixteen year old that has a terminal illness, for more information contact Andrea McTaggart at 734-634-9001.

Belleville High School presents their annual telethon for WBHS TV on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at Belleville High School production studio.

Supervisor White read an email from Lieutenant Brooks congratulating Officer Perez on his police work during a recent traffic stop.

Supervisor White read a letter from the Michigan Sheriff Association thanking the Van Buren Honor Guard for assisting during the funeral ceremony of Officer James Bonneau.

Supervisor White stated overtime has been reduced this year in the Building and Grounds and Public Safety Departments.

Supervisor White announced the 2010 State of the Township will be on the Township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) tomorrow and read portions of the 2010 State of the Township.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of Joy Ann Ferris, Ken Askew, Charles Coleman, Mark Duff and Harold Gant and the appointment of Ralph Nodwell to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 28, 2011 and to send a letter of appreciation for years of service to Loretta Speaks. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to accept the Township review and approve the Lawn Maintenance Contract with Abraham's Landscaping for 2010 with option to renew in 2011 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-08 Wade Trim Engineering Services 2010 Rate Schedule. Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to accept the Resolution 2010-09 Authorizing Sale of Van Buren Township's Claim in Visteon Bankruptcy. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the April 6, 2010 voucher list as amended. Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Belleville Chamber of Commerce will host the following: On April 30<sup>th</sup> the Annual Auction will be held at the Woodlands of Van Buren and on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. a Texas Hold'em tournament will be held at the Moose Lodge

Director Ross announced there are limited spaces available for the three summer day camps. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 9:03 p.m. to 9:21 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: WalMart compliance to site plan, Board Meeting Rules of Conduct, Public Safety Department, political activities, Development Services and Grass and Weed Ordinance.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_.