

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 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 Partridge. Absent: Trustee Ostrowski (excused). Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, DPW Director Knepper, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Parks Manager Burns, Chief Loyer, Senior Director Jordan, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-four (24).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve the revised agenda adding New Business item #5 “Consider approval for 2010/2011 Heart of Senior Citizen Services (HSCS), German Volunteer Services Host Agency Agreement.” Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

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

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes June 1, 2010 as corrected. On second page, paragraph three, add the word “seconded” should read “Budd moved, Partridge seconded to remove Unfinished Business Item # 2 “Consider second reading for adoption of Ordinance 05-18-10(2), an Ordinance to amend the Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, Article VIII, Offenses Concerning Underage Persons to add new Section 58-361, Minors Attending Public Places During School Hours.” Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Service awards were given to the following employees: Robert Queener and Charles Esch for 5 years of service; Richard Hamill and George Noye for 10 years of service, Barton DeVos for 15 years of service, Noah Caincross and Fredrick Sweet for 20 years of service, Susan Ireland and Sharon Kennedy for 25 years of service and Kenneth Brooks for 30 years of service.

Supervisor White read a letter from the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library stating the fifth annual Garden Walk will be held on Sunday, July 18th. Tickets are available from the following locations: Belleville Area District Library, Antiques on Main, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Garden Fantasy and Main Street Flowers.

Supervisor White stated the Public Safety Department has received several thank you letters from residents who attended the CCW training course thanking the Police Officers who taught the CCW training course for the wonderful job they did.

Supervisor White stated Ron Merritt, a member of Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, was a “Millers Creek Film Festival” winner. This event was sponsored by the Huron River Watershed Council. Mr. Merritt gave a brief synopsis of this event and his film “Our Environment; Through the Eyes of a Child”. The Board of Trustees congratulated Mr. Merritt on this accomplishment.

Supervisor White stated he had received a resignation letter from Helen Foster resigning from the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Trustees thanked Helen Foster for her years of service to the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of [Ordinance 06-01-10](#), to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-

92, as amended, to include revised regulations for Section 4.14 Accessory Building, Structures and Uses; noting to be brought back to the Board of Trustees in a timely manner for further revisions. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: Ostrowski (excused). Carried.

*(A copy of the synopsis of [Ordinance 06-01-10](#) follows the minutes. Copies of the full ordinance may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve to use \$3,000 from annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant to be used towards the 2010 Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Huron Valley Utility Authority (SHVUA). Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to approve the job description for DPW Field Superintendent and to advertise for the position. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adopt Resolution 2010-14 affirming approval of the Senior Alliance Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the 2010/2011 Heart of Senior Citizen Services (HSCS), German Volunteer Services Host Agency Agreement with Wolfgang Will. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the June 15, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White ordered the April 2010 Budgetary Report and the Huron River Council Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Ross announced the following Parks and Recreation events: The Michigan Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA) have created an alternative funding program with the Detroit Tigers for a portion of the ticket price to be sent back to MPRA and participating municipalities. Also, the Wayne County Community College District has partnered with the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation for a Family Learning Adventure Day/Stomping out Childhood Obesity to be held on Saturday, July 31st at the Western Wayne County Community Campus. Lastly, on Friday, June 25th "Takin it to the Streets" will be held at the softball diamond behind Township Hall. For further information on events contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Clerk Wright made the following announcements: The Township Administrative Offices summer hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will run through October 1, 2010. Regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will resume on October 4, 2010. Payments can be made by utilizing the 24 hour drop slot in the Public Safety Department lobby or the ADA drop box located in front of the Public Safety Department. Also, the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday July 5th in observance of Independence Day. Due to the closing the next Work Study Session will be held on Tuesday July 6th at 4:00 p.m. and the Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30 p.m. respectively. Tuesday, July 6, 2010 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3rd. Lastly, Clerk Wright encouraged all residents to sign up for the Clerk's Office E-Newsletter to receive updates during the election process. Please visit the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org to sign up.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:25 p.m. to 8:35 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Get Up and Get Active Programs, traffic concerns on Haggerty Road, I-275 and I-94 due to road construction; funding for retirement health care, Rolling Thunder motorcycle run honoring local Veterans and motorcycle awareness.

Trustee Partridge and Treasurer Budd wished all fathers a Happy Fathers Day.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: July 6, 2010.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: As presented.