

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 17, 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: None. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Swallow, Parks and Recreation Director Ross, Chief Loyer, DPW Director Knepper, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-three (33).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Add New Business Item #6. "Consider allocation of additional funding to the Public Safety Director line item." and to postpone to the September 7, 2010 Board of Trustee Meeting New Business Item #4 "Consider proposal of specialized services from Cummings, McClorey, Davis and Acho." Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**MINUTES:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes July 19, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes July 20, 2010 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor White read a letter of appreciation from a resident thanking Director Ross and the Recreation staff for the Township summer camp program his children attended.

Supervisor White read two emails from the Washtenaw County Road Commission thanking the DPW Department and the Police Department for their assistance with the Rawsonville and Bemis Roads intersection improvement project.

Clerk Wright and Supervisor White read letters of appreciation from Paul Bostwick an election inspector who worked the August 3, 2010 Primary Election thanking Clerk's Office staff.

Fire Chief Loyer recognized firefighters Kenneth Floro and Nicholas Robson for being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant.

Supervisor White read an invitation to the community to the Van Buren Public Safety Appreciation Day on September 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. from the chaplains of the Van Buren Public Safety Department and their churches to a free pig roast meal at the Belleville Church of God located on Hull Road. For more information please contact any one the Van Buren Public Safety chaplains.

Supervisor White read communication from Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) regarding 2010 taxable values. Further, Supervisor White stated he and Clerk Wright attended the MEGA program in Lansing today where GE announced a 20 million dollar project in Van Buren Township.

CeJay Marshall read a congratulation letter addressed to Director McClanahan on becoming the Public Safety Director.

Carl Pedersen read several documents regarding blended rates for fire fighters and investigative unit officers take home cars and made suggestions to the Board of Trustees regarding these matters.

John Delaney read letter regarding the Public Safety Department, Public Safety Committee and Trustee Hart.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the proposal from Wade Trim for design services for a 2011 Water Main Improvement Project not to exceed \$37,000. Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to adopt the corrected Resolution 2010-18 the tax rate request. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of [Ordinance 08-17-10](#) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Code of General Ordinances, by adding Chapter 72, Article 1, Limited Dividend Housing Corporation/Association Tax Exemption. Carried.

Budd moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve a two-year extension of the METRO Act right-of-way telecommunications permit between Van Buren Township and AT&T, with a new term to end on July 31, 2012 and to authorize the Clerk to execute the extension letter. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to move \$40,000 from General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to line item number 101-301-702-000 to cover the services for the Public Safety Director to the end of December 31, 2010. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the August 17, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor White ordered the June 2010 Budgetary Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Labor Day Holiday and due to this closure the next Work Study Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Clerk Wright further thanked all the election workers and Clerk's Office staff for the job they did during the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Primary Election.

Director Ross made the following announcements. On Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> "Takin it to the Streets" will be held at the softball field behind Township Hall from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Also, Director Ross thanked Community Policing Officer Byrd and the Recreation staff for the collaborative effort of having the Gymnasium open free of charge for youth to use this summer. For more information regarding Recreation programs or events please contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents the 2010 tax summer deadline has been extended to September 30<sup>th</sup> noting there is a drop slot in the Public Safety Department Lobby and an ADA drop box located in front of the Public Safety Department for payments after hours and weekends. Also, Treasurer Budd stated during the Senior Health and Wellness Day Director Ross and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara discussed funding to replace the Township Gymnasium floor in the amount of \$60,000 from the Wayne County Parks Millage.

Supervisor White stated the Senior Health and Wellness Day was a success. Also, the Senior Olympics are currently taking place this week.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:57 p.m. to 9:28 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Animal Control and traffic issues due to road construction.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

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