

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 7, 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, Chief Loyer, DPW Director Knepper, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Senior Director Jordan, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of forty-nine (49).

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

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes August 16, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes August 17, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Wright read a thank you letter from Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian on behalf of the Belleville Area Museum and Belleville Area Rotary Club thanking Clerk Wright and his staff for their assistance regarding the recent fundraiser Lucky Ducky Rubber Ducky Race.

Cathy Horste, Van Buren Township Historian gave an update on the cemeteries and thanked the Board and Director Knepper and his staff for the repairs that have begun at Soop cemetery.

Director Jordan presented a certificate of appreciation to Oliver Siegel, the German Volunteer for working in the Senior Center over the past year and also thanked Jim and Alicia Foley for being the host family.

Chief Loyer read an invitation to the community to the Van Buren Public Safety Appreciation Day on September 11th 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: White moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the proposal of specialized services from Cummings, McClorey, Davis and Acho. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Wright and White. Nays: Hart and Budd. Absent: None. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the second reading for adoption 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. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, Ostrowski, Partridge and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A copy of the synopsis of [Ordinance 08-17-10](#) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded approving Resolution 2010-19 approving contract and authorizing notice for a South Huron Valley Utility Authority Sludge Storage Tank Repair Project. Carried.

Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to accept the recommendation from Wade Trim and to award the contract to LiquiForce Services for sanitary sewer repair and maintenance, on an as needed unit basis, at an estimated amount of \$264,473.75 and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute on behalf of the Township. Carried.

Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the request from Wade Trim for additional engineering fees for the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF) water system improvement projects. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to adopt a Van Buren Charter Township Cemetery Advisory Committee, in accordance with the proposed by-laws noting date and time of meetings will be established and added to by-laws after membership have met and decide on when the meetings will be held. Carried.

Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-07-10 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning 13.41 acres of land located on the west side of Martinsville Road, between East Huron River Drive and Savage Road, from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1A (Single Family Residential). Carried.

*(A copy of the [Ordinance 09-07-10](#) follows the minutes. Copies may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the September 7, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd on behalf of Director Ross made the following announcements regarding Parks and Recreation. On Saturday, September 18th Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar located at 216 James L. Hart Parkway, Ypsilanti will donate twenty percent of all purchases that are accompanied by a certificate to the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation. Also, the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA) have an alternative funding program with the Detroit Red Wings for a portion of the ticket price for certain games to be sent back to MPRA and participating municipalities. For more information regarding Recreation programs or events please contact the Recreation Department at 734.699.8926.

Treasurer Budd reminded residents the 2010 tax summer deadline has been extended to September 30th 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.

John Stewart made statements regarding upcoming November General Election, State Senator seat and cuts to revenue sharing.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:54 p.m. to 9:29 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Animal Control, Public Safety Department, Board of Trustees and private roads.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.