

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-four (24).

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

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment to consider the transfer of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from infrastructure improvements to demolition activity. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, Ostrowski, Partridge and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:32 p.m. Supervisor White went to Director Swallow for an explanation. Director Swallow stated this public hearing in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to consider the transfer of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from infrastructure improvements to demolition activity. Director Swallow stated the qualifying activities that further national objectives for the CDBG program include the following: assist low and moderate-income persons, address slum or blight conditions and meet a particularly urgent community development need. In this case it would be to address slum or blight conditions. For the 2008-2009 program year the Township applied for a second installment of CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements to include a sanitary sewer main along Ecorse Road between Belleville and Beck Roads. Last year the Board transferred monies for sidewalk improvements in low to moderate income areas. The Board discussed during the Work Study Session how these funds could be used if they were transferred into the demolition category. The transfer request amount is \$41,495.

A resident inquired about the demolitions being on private property, would a lien be put on the property and how many properties need to be demolished in the township. Director Swallow reviewed the process noting a lien would be put on the property and there are basements in the Cobblestone development and three other properties being considered for demolition.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 7:38 p.m.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Hart, Jahr, Ostrowski, Partridge, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

MINUTES: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes September 7, 2010 as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board of Trustees Minutes September 7, 2010 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Trustee Partridge stated in recognition of Arts and Education week she will be presenting a proposal to the Board for a formation of a Van Buren Township Cultural Committee.

Michael Miazga, Belleville Masonic Lodge representative, is looking for support from the Township Board, Van Buren, Belleville and Sumpter Police Departments for a Michigan Community Child Watch program. There will be a training session on November 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge located at 515 Main Street. This program provides a sign to identify to children it is a safe place to come in case of emergency. Trustee Hart request Mr. Miazga present this information at the next Public Safety Committee meeting also.

Allen Babosh read a thank you letter addressed to Chief Loyer for meeting with him to answer questions about recent events in the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 09-07-10 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning 13.41 acres of land, parcel numbers V125-83-088-99-0070-000, V125-83-088-99-0069-701 and V125-83-105-99-0001-000, 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). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Wright, Budd, Hart, Jahr, Ostrowski and Partridge. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

*(A copy of [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.)

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Jahr seconded to approve the reappointments of J. Douglas Peters and Kenneth McKanders to the Local Development Finance Authority with terms to expire August 12, 2014; to appoint of Brian Brice as a Van Buren Public School Representative with term to expire August 12, 2014 and to appoint Pam Smart as a Van Buren Public School Representative with term to expire August 12, 2011. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the creation of a new demolition activity for the fiscal year 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant funds and to approve the transfer in an amount not to exceed of \$41,495 from infrastructure improvements to demolition activity. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the September 21, 2010 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Ross thanked all who participated in the Van Buren Parks and Recreation fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar located at 216 James L. Hart Parkway, Ypsilanti. Buffalo Wild Wings Grill and Bar is donating twenty percent of all purchases on September 18th that were accompanied by a Van Buren Parks and Recreation certificate to the Parks and Recreation Department. Director Ross thanked Director Swallow and Account Clerk Queener for working with the Parks and Recreation Department to secure over \$12,000 of CDBG funds to put in an ADA swing set at Quirk Park. Also, thanked the Van Buren Civic Fund for their donation of \$2,000 towards this project. For information regarding Parks and Recreation please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734.699.8921.

Director Swallow announced the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company, will be held on Saturday, October 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner.

Clerk Wright announced Monday, October 4th is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the November 2, 2010 General Election. A sample ballot and a link to Michigan Secretary of State web site is on the township webpage www.vanburen-mi.org. For additional information regarding the elections contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:19 p.m. to 9:07 p.m. by the audience regarding the following topics: Rawsonville Road traffic safety concerns, Animal Control, Public Safety Department, Wal-Mart walking path, Public Safety Committee, volunteer program, co-gen methane facility, Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy, Board of Trustees, private roads and Nixle alert program.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:07 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.