

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2011**

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 Services Director Carroll, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Museum Director Wilson, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of fifty-six (56).

Supervisor White thanked the Edgemont Daisy Girl Scout Troop 20414 for leading the pledge of allegiance tonight.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Revised Agenda moving Consent Agenda Item # 3. "Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2011." to be placed under Minutes. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes May 16, 2011; Closed Session Minutes May 16, 2011; Reappointments of Gerald Graf and Carl Pedersen to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire June 1, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 17, 2011 with the following correction under "Correspondence" the third paragraph "Belleville Area Council" should read "Belleville Area Council for the Arts". Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chief Loyer and Battalion Chief Folks presented the thirteen Third Annual Citizens Fire Academy participants with certificates.

Treasurer Budd read a letter from Lieutenant Floro regarding professional in the Public Safety Department.

Trustee Partridge announced the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is sponsoring a Fishing Day on Saturday, June 11th at Horizon Park, in the City of Belleville.

Clerk Wright read a letter from Cable Director McCracken announcing Van Buren Charter Township is now streaming recorded Commission, Committee meetings and special programs online. Residents can connect to view these programs by visiting the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org. Barring any unforeseen technical problems or issues, efforts will be made to make the meetings and programs available online within a day or two from when the meeting or event is recorded.

Clerk Wright read a letter thanking Bob and Marie Krouse for placing American flags on veteran's graves at the township cemeteries.

Director McClanahan read two letters of appreciation addressed to Sergeant Yono thanking the Van Buren Police and Fire Departments for their assistance during the Thunder Rolls in Belleville motorcycle ride on Memorial Day.

Supervisor White read a letter from residents Judy and Butch Whittacker thanking Van Buren Township for providing a gazebo.

On Monday, June 20th the American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Van Buren Township Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and for more information visit the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

Service awards were given to the following employees: Ryan McCormick, Adam Byrd and Ken Burke for 5 years of service; Jennifer Wright and David Schuler for 10 years of service and Matthew Forester, Kirk Jenkins, Marc Abdilla, Diane Wilson, Kenneth Floro and Dale Harrison for 15 years of service.

John Delaney read a letter regarding a recent carnival as it pertains to the Planning Department and Planning Commission.

Adam Byrd read a letter regarding his recent letter and comments in a local paper.

Charles Tackett read a letter addressed to Supervisor White regarding the March 15, 2011 Board meeting, Trustee Hart and for the authority the board relied upon regarding bonds for the Visteon Village project.

Trustee Hart stated he consulted with the Township attorney regarding the bonds for the Visteon Village project and the Township attorney confirmed this was done appropriately.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of General Ordinance 06-07-11 to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Code of General Ordinances, by adding Section 34 an Ordinance to confirm the establishment of a Planning Commission with Zoning Authority. Carried.

*(A synopsis of [Ordinance 06-07-11](#) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the recently adopted Planning Commission Rules and Procedures subject to a written approval from the Township attorney and subject to this being sent back to the Planning Commission for their approval and if there are any further changes to come back to the Board of Trustees for approval. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the June 7, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor White received and filed the April 2011 Budgetary Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Wright made the following announcements: Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation and Wayne County Parks are sponsoring a Free Family Fishing Fun Day on Saturday, June 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. located at Crosswinds Marsh, 27600 Haggerty Road, New Boston. Also, a Safety Town will be held on, August 1st – August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 p.m. to educate your upcoming kindergartner. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921 or online at www.vanburen-mi.org.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:26 p.m. to 8:59 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Trustee Ostrowski, Township cell phones, status of sidewalks to be installed on Tyler and Belleville Roads, releasing of captured animals within the township, appraisal

services, website rebroadcasting of meetings, Township ordinances, Planning Commission, Visteon bonds, Public Safety millage fundraiser, local ordinance regarding State of Michigan Ethics Act, request for response for residents concerns and transparency.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Partridge moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.