

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 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: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty (20).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the following changes. Add "Consent Agenda" Item #4. "To accept the attorney's opinion regarding case #2008-019-014 CVR (Williams –Turk vs. Van Buren Township) US District Court Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Civil Action No. 09-14786." and remove "New Business" Item #3. "Consider approval of changes to the By-Laws of the Local Development Finance Authority." Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes October 3, 2011; Closed Session Minutes October 3, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 4, 2011; To accept the attorney's opinion regarding case #2008-019-014 CVR (Williams –Turk vs. Van Buren Township) US District Court Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division, Civil Action No. 09-14786] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor White read a letter recognizing November as Pancreatic cancer awareness month from the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Banotai Farmland Development Rights Agreement. Carried.

Hart moved, Partridge seconded to allow Treasurer Budd to abstain from voting on New Business Item #2 "Consider approval of Budd Farmland Development Rights Agreement." Carried.

Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the Budd Farmland Development Rights Agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: White, Wright, Hart, Jahr, Ostrowski and Partridge. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Budd. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the October 18, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Partridge on behalf of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts thanked the Jitterbugs for their dance performance at the Harvest Festival. Trustee Partridge also announced on Saturday October 22nd a cemetery history tour will take place at Denton Cemetery. The tours will take place between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Jahr announced that the BBC Striders and the American Cancer Society is sponsoring a “Bark for Life” of Belleville a funding raising event on Saturday, October 29th at Riggs Park in Van Buren Township from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Clerk Wright announced the Van Buren Township Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company, will be held on Saturday, October 29th 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. This information is posted on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org. Clerk Wright also read an invitation from Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Huron Township Supervisor Elke Doom for Harvest Fest 2011 including hay rides, donuts, cider and fresh apples at South Huron Orchard and Cider Mill 38035 South Huron Road, New Boston. This event will take place on Tuesday, October 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and is sponsored by Apple Charlie’s Cider Mill.

Director Wright announced following two Halloween events: on Sunday, October 30th the Gordon Russ Spooky Monster Magic Show will be held at 3:00 p.m. and on Monday, October 31st a Super Hero Trunk or Treat will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation parking lot. Director Wright also stated the gymnasium floor project has been completed. For more information about recreational activities call 734-699-8921 or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org.

Pam Fleming, Co-Coordinator of the City of Belleville and Van Buren Township Goodfellows, announced drop off location at Van Buren Township Police Department for the collection of items for the 2011 Goodfellows Christmas food and toy donation program. Also, registration forms will be available beginning November 1st through December 2nd at the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org and for more information contact Pam Fleming in the Van Buren Public Safety Department at 699-8930.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 7:50 p.m. to 8:08 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Public Safety Department, Public Safety Millage renewal, Van Buren Public Schools search for Superintendent, Michigan Code of Ethics, insurance rates, maintenance of Township Hall, Belleville High School Band bowling fund raising event and community advocate.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.