

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 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 eighteen (18).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of New Business Item #2 “Consider adoption of Resolution 2011-34, Dual Employment Policy.” Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Budget Preparation Minutes October 12, 2011 and October 13, 2011; Work Study Session Minutes October 17, 2011; Closed Session Minutes October 17, 2011; Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2011; Resolution 2011-32 approval of amendment to Van Buren Township Pension Plan; approval of 2012 Holiday Schedule; approval of Board of Trustees 2012 Work Study Session and Regular Meeting Calendar; approval of the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation Municipal (SMART) fiscal year 2012 Municipal Credit Contract; approval of the appointment of Recreation Committee student representative, Ari Budiono with a one year term to run from December 2011 through December 2012, to be compliant with the Recreation Committee By-Laws; approval of the fireworks proposal by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.] presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Treasurer Budd stated the Township is in receipt of correspondence from State of Michigan of Budget Office regarding state shared revenue. The Township complied with Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) by posting Van Buren Township Dashboard to the Township website and by doing this the Township will receive \$17,751 in revenue sharing funds from the state.

Supervisor White stated on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. a Veteran’s Day Memorial service for the Tri-Community Area will be held at Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville.

Supervisor White read a thank you letter from Bethany Day Care Center thanking Officers Buxton and Traster for their presentation regarding Public Safety Department to their preschoolers.

Director McClanahan stated the American Red Cross is holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Van Buren Township Hall. You may sign up for an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or by contacting Dave McInally at 734-699-8900 ext. 9416.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adopt Resolution 2011-33 Purchasing Policy Amendment [Expenditure Reimbursement for Meals and Travel Expenses]. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the November 1, 2011 voucher list as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor White ordered the October 2011 Budgetary Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Partridge announced the Belleville Area Museum is hosting their 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Holiday Trees beginning November 19<sup>th</sup> through December 29<sup>th</sup> during museum hours. Also, the Belleville Area Museum 2012 calendars are on sale at the museum and at Township Hall.

Trustee Jahr stated the Belleville Lighted Christmas Parade will be held Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Director Wright provided information to the Board on tonight's appointment under the Consent Agenda of Recreation Committee student representative Ari Budiono.

Clerk Wright reminded the audience election day is next Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Election information can be found on the township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) or by contacting the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909. Also, the Township administrative offices will be closed on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veterans Day.

Director Wright congratulated Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Burns for being named New Professional of the Year by the Michigan Recreation and Parks Association. Director Wright also, thanked all who participated in or donated to the Trunk or Treat event held on Halloween at Township parking lot with about 300 children attending.

Adam Byrd announced Harbour Club Apartment complex is holding a food drive the month of November in partnership with Salvation Army. Those wishing to donate non-perishable food items may drop off at Harbour Club Apartment Clubhouse located at 49000 Denton Road and monetary donations may be mailed to the Salvation Army, 9451 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 7:47 p.m. to 8:17 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Van Buren Township Dashboard, request of a traffic light at the intersection of Martz and Rawsonville Road, Public Safety Millage renewal, Public Safety Department, Supervisor White, insurance rates, civil rights, blended rates, Board Meeting Rules of Conduct, partnership with local businesses, security for community, positive aspects of community, Non-Agenda Items, Public Safety Department budget and leadership.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

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