

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 3, 2012**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:32 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-eight (28).

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

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 19, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012.] as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Trustee Hart stated he had received several emails regarding the presentation during Work Study meeting yesterday for CODE RED inquiring if the Board would be having other presentations on this subject. Supervisor White stated currently there are no other presentations scheduled, but is open for other presentations if requested. Trustee Jahr stated he would like the Environmental Commission and Public Safety Committee feedback for what they thought the Township needs are for this type of service.

Director McClanahan read a letter on behalf of Edgemont Daisy Troop 20414 regarding recent tour of the Department of Public Safety and thanked Officer Traster for this educational tour.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Ordinance 03-20-2012, an ordinance to amend the General Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren by adding a Cemetery Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

\*(A synopsis of [Ordinance 03-20-12](#) follows the minutes. A complete copy may also be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Budd moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the adoption of Resolution 2012-07 changing precinct #8 polling place from Haggerty Elementary School to Savage Elementary School. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the 2011-12 Water Main Project Construction Administration and Inspection proposal from Wade Trim [\$15,500]. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the April 3, 2012 voucher list. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart, Wright and White. Nays: Budd. Absent: None. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor White ordered the January 2012 Budgetary Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Trustee Partridge announced the Belleville Area Museum currently has a Civil War exhibit. Also, the Museum will host on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. a lecture on “Michigan in the Civil War”. The Belleville Area District Library presents “The Tri-Community in the Civil War” with Ginger Bruder on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Clerk Wright reminded residents the Township Administrative Offices will be closed on April 6<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

Director Wright announced the Van Buren Parks and Recreation is offering a new program called Square Foot Gardening 201. The class will be held on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to noon at Van Buren Park. Also, the Recreation Department will be open this weekend with the following hours: Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921, township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) or visit the Recreation Facebook page.

Adam Byrd announced on May 5<sup>th</sup> Relay for Life will take place at Quirk Park and Atchinson Ford has formed a group to participate in this Cancer Society fundraiser.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: CODE RED presentation; Planning Commission; final site plan review process; welcome information packets for new township residents; missing sewer grates; outcome of investigation; attorney’s opinion on computer use policy; graffiti on building; patrol units in Public Safety Department; information regarding DTE Smart meters and requesting township opt out; posting of agendas; pay rates for electrical inspectors used by Township; Public Safety millage; number of Public Safety Department employees; attorney opinion concerning emails.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

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

Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

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