

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2012**

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 and Trustee Ostrowski. Absent: Trustee Partridge. Others in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Engineer Nummer, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-seven (37).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as amended. To remove New Business Item #5 “Consider approval of the bid from Gen Power Products, Inc. of Wixom, Michigan to perform routine maintenance and repairs on sixteen (16) Township back-up power generators at various locations.” from the agenda. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes April 16, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 2012.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gene Taylor gave a presentation on American Pride Project with a goal to purchase flags to be flown on June 14th Flag Day at all homes and businesses. Residents can show support by purchasing American Flags and bumper stickers as fundraiser for the American Pride Project. For more information contact Chief Taylor at Belleville Police Department, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, telephone number 734-699-2710.

John Delaney requested a point of order regarding the previous request by a member of the audience to discuss the minutes listed under the Consent Agenda. Supervisor White stated comments can be made during the Non-Agenda portion of the meeting.

An audience member requested all American Flags be flown according to Federal Flag Code.

Supervisor White read a letter from The University of Michigan Athletic Department thanking the Board for getting the emergency sewer line repair work done and further thanked Director MacDonald for handling this situation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Township posting of signs enforcing Van Buren Township General Code of Ordinance, Chapter 74, Section 74-54 Control of fishing, swimming and loitering and the signs to be placed to state “No fishing, swimming and loitering” at the west side of the Quirk Road/Belleville Road to the bridge; the east side of Belleville Road from the bridge; and the north and south sides of Denton Road from the bridge. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2012-10 DTE Energy Smart Meter Moratorium as presented with the exception of the next to the last paragraph to read “Be it further resolved, that the Van Buren Board of Trustees imposes a moratorium prohibiting smart meter installation within the township boundary lines until the MPSC completes its investigation and this matter is finally determined by an order and/or final court order”. Treasurer Budd withdrew her support of the motion. Trustee Jahr withdrew his motion.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to adopt [Resolution 2012-10 DTE Energy Smart Meter Moratorium](#) as presented and recommended by the attorney. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Ostrowski, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: Jahr. Absent: Partridge (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve [Resolution 2012-11 the revocation of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2009-036 issued to Mariba Auto, LLC](#). Carried.

Wright moved, Hart seconded to grant special land use approval to McDonald's for a drive-in and drive-through restaurant proposed at 10760 Belleville Road including the recommendation letter from McKenna dated April 9, 2012 referencing the cross access easement and not including the sign language. Carried.

Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the proposal from Wade Trim to develop an update to the Township Water Distribution System Master Plan in the amount of \$27,400. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the May 1, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Treasurer Budd announced the Drive-In Dog Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Water and Sewer building located behind township hall. Also, Water and Sewer payments can be paid online by a charge card (MasterCard, Discover or American Express), however the resident will be charged a three percent handling fee which will go directly to the charge card company.

Director Wright announced the following: Relay for Life a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will be held on Saturday, May 5th and Sunday May 6th at Quirk Park. On Friday, May 18th the annual Mother and Son Bowl will be held at Lodge Lanes. Get-Fit Friday Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, May 25th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 9:09 p.m. to 10:02 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Smart meters; Democratic caucus on May 5th; Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Robert Rules of Order, Board Minutes; Board Resolutions; Board Agenda; Open Meeting Act; Resolution for DTE Smart Meters Moratorium; Van Buren Township welcome packets; Planning and Economic Development Services Department; electrical inspector position; water for home at the failed PRD in Victoria Park Estates Condominiums; Hoosier/Visteon Co-Generation project special use approval; Visteon Master plan and Office Technology District Ordinance; Township Ordinances; list of non-profit organization in the township; Planning Commission meeting on May 9th for final site approval on the Hoosier/Visteon Co-Generation project; invitation to Willow Run Tea Party meeting at Big Sky Diner on Friday evenings; Public Safety; May is Motorcycle and Women Motorcycle awareness month; personnel investigation; outcome of accusation against a police officer; blended rate employees.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Ostrowski seconded to adjourn at 10:02 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____