

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 5, 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, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: None. Others in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Burns, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Chief Loyer, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of thirty-two (32).

Supervisor White reminded the audience of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct three minute rule.

Treasurer Budd read a tribute to Cathy Horste who was a long time resident and Township Historian who recently passed away. A moment of silence was observed in honor of Cathy Horste.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Ostrowski moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes May 14, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 15, 2012; Special Work Study Session Minutes May 21, 2012.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to hear public comment on reprogramming of portions of the Township's fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Partridge, Ostrowski, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

Supervisor White opened the public hearing at 7:35 p.m. Supervisor White went to Director Carroll for an explanation. Director Carroll stated over the past several years the Township has been programming a portion of CDBG allocation into the Belleville Road sidewalk project. The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has raised some concerns about the cost benefit of the acquisition of the required easements versus the construction costs. To avoid losing the money previously allocated amounts in 2008 for \$41,495; 2009 for \$48,792 and 2010 for \$97,000 it is recommended that the funds be reprogrammed into funding those items that had to be eliminated from the Beck Road ball fields project in order to accommodate the storm water drainage.

The following comments and questions were made by the Board. Trustee Partridge requested Director Carroll review the details of the project. Director Carroll stated the following are included project: a playscape \$61,000, a pavilion \$25,000, six dugouts \$30,000 and remaining money for architectural design study for concession building improvements. Trustee Jahr ask for clarification of remaining money use. Director Carroll stated it would also go towards the improvements to the concession building. Treasurer Budd stated the money has to be reprogrammed into a project that is ready to go or the money will go back to the government. Treasurer Budd further stated in the original E.Q. improvement project agreement had included these items. Clerk Wright stated he is happy to see the Beck Road ball field improvement project is to be completed. Trustee Jahr stated he feels this is also a good project and a better use of CDBG funds than to pay for easements. Supervisor White reiterated the original Beck Road ball field project improvements and supports this use of CDBG funds. Trustee Hart requested the administration make sure they know the rules of requesting CDBG funds. Treasurer Budd stated she is sits on the Wayne County CDBG Board and the sidewalk project had been approved by

Wayne County CDBG but Wayne County CDBG and HUD changed their minds. Treasurer Budd agreed this reprogrammed project is a good qualifying project for the use of CDBG funds, noting these funds must be reprogrammed and used by September.

The following comments and questions were made by the audience. John Delaney inquired about tournaments to be held at the ball fields and stated the sidewalks are needed on Belleville Road so residents can safely walk to Meijer. Treasurer Budd stated Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working on having the sidewalks done and there is still CDBG funds allocated in 2011 and 2012 for the sidewalks. Larry Fix inquired if the Township's insurance will cover if someone is injured on the playscape; improvements have been done in the past to the ball fields by volunteers; has the Township reviewed the Little League program balance sheet; no Little League tournaments have been held since 2002 although the Travel League has held tournaments. John Delaney reiterated the need for sidewalks on Belleville Road.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing at 8:00 p.m.

Partridge moved Ostrowski seconded to close the public hearing. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and White. Nays: None. Absent: None. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor White apologized to John Delaney for his inappropriate comment he made to him after the last Board of Trustees meeting.

On Monday, June 18th 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.

Supervisor White read a letter from the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary thanking him for speaking at Ready Set Wear It the Life Jacket World Record event to kick off National Safe Boating week.

Service awards were given to the following employees: Patrick Wehrman for 5 years of service; Michael Shores, Ryan Bidwell and Scott Griggs for 10 years of service; Vernon Morse, Carol Towles and Kathleen Cline for 15 years of service; Mark Buckberry for 20 years of service; Laurie McIntosh for 25 years of service; Kristy Bovitz for 35 years of service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve of reprogramming a portion of the Township's fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to accept the 2011 Audits from Plante & Moran as presented. Carried.

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt [Resolution 2012-12](#) a request for approval of new Class C Liquor License with Dance-Entertainment permit for Toe Joe, LLC (formerly Mr. Bills) located at 41111 Huron River Drive. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to allow John Delaney to ask three additional questions regarding Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Project on Ecorse Road from Beck Road to Morton Taylor Road. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Partridge, Ostrowski, Jahr, Hart and Budd. Nays: Wright and White. Absent: None. Carried. (Mr. Delaney had previously been to the podium twice for this agenda item.)

Partridge moved, Ostrowski seconded to adopt [Resolution 2012-13](#) the intergovernmental agreement between Van Buren Township and Wayne County regarding the Water Main and Sanitary Sewer Project on Ecorse Road from Beck Road to Morton Taylor Road. Carried.

Partridge moved, Jahr seconded to approve the use of \$3,000 from annual Waste Management Cultural Activities Grant towards the 2012 Van Buren Parks and Recreation Summer Concert Series. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the reappointments of Robert Cook and Walter Rochowiak to the Water and Sewer Commission with terms to expire on June 1, 2014. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the June 5, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Director Wright announced the following: on Saturday, June 9th Annual Family Fishing Day in conjunction with Wayne County Parks at the Crosswinds Marsh from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; Friday, on June 22nd Takin' it to the Streets event at Tyler Elementary School Parking lot from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Preregistration for this event by Friday, June 15th. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Clerk Wright stated voucher procedures are being followed in the Township and acknowledged his staff for their work.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 10:00 p.m. to 10:29 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: K2/Spice synthetic marijuana emergency ordinance; request to have the FEMA floodplain item put on agenda for the Board to vote on; former Trustee stated he resigned; Belleville Area Women's Club Debate for the Van Buren candidates for offices of Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer; private roads; Supervisor's comments to a senior after the last Board meeting; Police Department management tool a point system; Huron Valley Ambulances housed at Fire Station; Fire Department; written plan for the FEMA floodplain by the Township; building permits, zoning ordinance and Planning and Economic Development Services Director.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 10:29 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____