

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3, 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, Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Burns, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-five (25).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes June 4, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 5, 2012; Special Work Session Minutes July 19, 2012; Closed Session Minutes July 19, 2012; Approval of the Fiscal Year 2013 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Municipal Credit Contract.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Wayne County for the use of a \$40,000 grant from the Wayne County Parks Millage for the construction of a new walking/bike path and permanent picnic areas at Van Buren Park. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the July 3, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the following: The Township administrative offices will be closed on Wednesday July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Notice of close of registration is Monday, July 9, 2012. This is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7th. Once again this year, I wanted to thank Bob and Marie Krouse on behalf of the Township Board of Trustees for placing American flags on veteran's graves at the township cemeteries. They are to be commended for their work by helping to honor our veteran's. Lastly, Van Buren Township and Recall Corporation will host a free "Shred Day" on Saturday, August 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residents may drop off at the township front parking lot a maximum of five cartons or medium size bags of documents per vehicle to be shredded. No three ring binders or metal of any kind please. A list of acceptable documents is posted at Van Buren website www.vanburen-mi.org and cable channel 12.

Director Wright announced the following: July is National Parks and Recreation month and in honor of this a Park Pursuit Scavenger Hunt is being held. Participants may pick up their packs in the Recreation Department and a celebration party will be held on July 31st at Quirk Park. A Detroit Tigers ballgame trip on August 31st the cost is \$35 per person which includes the ticket

and transportation. Also, all Van Buren Parks will be open on July 4th. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

A representative from the Willow Run Tea Party announced Americans for Prosperity will hold Patriots in the Park Day at Wayne County Fairgrounds on July 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Diane Madigan announced the Public Safety Committee will hold a Public Safety Department mid-year budget review meeting at Fire Station One located at Sumpter and Hull Roads on July 18th at 5:30 p.m. Also, on August 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the Township Board room there will be a presentation on emergency sirens. Ms. Madigan inquired about new Fire Chief and who is the Interim Fire Chief. Supervisor White stated there will be a selection process by the Board of Trustees for the new Fire Chief and Dan Besson is the temporary Interim Fire Chief.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:01 p.m. to 8:42 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Visteon Bonds; Visteon bankruptcy; Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA); firework permit fees; Building Department, Township attorney; Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA); economic downturn and negotiations with Visteon for Bond money shortfall; East Huron River Drive land problems causing flooding after grade was changed and request for a written report on this issue; Planning and Building Department; LDFA board; Visteon Co-Generation project; safety concerns at fireworks tents; fireworks ordinance(s); directory assistance telephone number for Van Buren Township; township plan for excess heat warning, severe weather and township as cooling center; citizens/residents concerns; FEMA floodplain status and FEMA map elevation corrections.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: July 17, 2012.

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: As presented.