

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 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: 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 forty-four (44).

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes July 2, 2012; Closed Session Minutes July 2, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 3, 2012; Adoption of [Resolution 2012-14](#), a resolution to approve agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Wayne County for the use of \$40,000 from Wayne County Parks Millage for the construction of a new walking/bike path and permanent picnic areas at Van Buren Park (Agreement approved by Board of Trustees at July 3, 2012 meeting); Adoption of [Resolution 2012-15](#), Senior Alliance; Treasurer's request to extend without penalty the collection of the 2012 Summer Property Taxes through Monday, October 1, 2012.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve combination of lots V125-83-059-01-0018-000 and V125-83-059-01-0019-000 (lots 18 and 19 Seymour and Troesters Belleville Sub) with the following conditions: The cost of any and/or all utility improvements must be borne by the property owner(s); Approval in no way changes requirements of zoning of the parcels; Approval in no way implies or guarantees permits and/or approvals from federal, state, county or local agencies; This shall include but not be limited to roadway access point(s), natural feature requirements, utility requirements or any other valid requirement(s) from regulatory agencies; The Township is in receipt of all fees and costs as well as a certified survey; Approval is valid for six months. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Wright moved, Ostrowski seconded to approve the July 17, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Partridge announced the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is holding their 2nd Annual Art Affair on Main Street in the City of Belleville on Saturday, July 28th and Sunday, July 29th.

Clerk Wright made the following announcements. The next Board Meeting will be on August 21st due to the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Due to a change in Michigan Election law instructions for voting ballots are now on secrecy sleeves and not printed in full text on top of ballots. Also, as a reminder to voters when voting the August Primary Election ballot Partisan Section there are two party sections on the ballot Republican Party and Democratic Party. You may vote in one party section only; you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, your Partisan ballot portion

will not count. A Special Primary Election will be held on September 5th and a Special General Election will be held in conjunction with the General Election on November 6th to fill a vacancy in the 11th Congressional District. 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.

Supervisor White reminded the audience of the Friday night concert series at Van Buren Park located on the South Service Drive.

John Delaney requested clarification of voting process for the Primary Election in the Partisan portion. If you “split your ticket” in the Partisan portion of the ballot the Partisan portion will not count, the Non-Partisan and Proposal sections will still count. Also, announced the launch of Van Buren Tea Party caucus and commented on the recent Patriot Day Event held by the Americans for Prosperity regarding the Public Safety Department and permits.

Dave Curson announced the process for candidates who want to be on the Special Primary Election on September 5, 2012 stating the filing deadline is July 20th.

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.

Dennis Moore, representative from the Willow Run Tea Party caucus thanked the Township and the Wayne County Fairgrounds for the Patriot Day Event held by the Americans for Prosperity and the launching of the Van Buren Tea Party caucus.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 7:57 p.m. to 8:57 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Visteon Bonds; Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA); Van Buren Civic Fund; assessment of property in township; safety concerns regarding fireworks and request for fireworks ordinance(s); contact state representative to request changes in state laws regarding fireworks; Demonstrative Risk Ordinance; Patriot Day Event was a benefit for Wounded and Fallen Soldiers and raised \$10,000; Township attorney fees; Visteon Co-Generation project; Van Buren Township Tea Party caucus; Sequencing Standards regarding Visteon project; Master Plan; three minute rule for public comment at Board meeting; Public Safety Budget; lack of answers and feedback to audience questions; loss of Township events (fireworks and marshmallow drop); Police overtime; Haggerty Park hours; Fire Chief; Public Safety Director; legal fees; Board of Trustees; Assessor; fireworks permits; disrespectful audience; democratic process; FEMA floodplain map elevation corrections; landfill; Visteon property is current floodplain.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Date: _____

Paul D. White
Township Supervisor

Approved: _____