

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

Supervisor White called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor White, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Ostrowski and Trustee Partridge. Absent: Treasurer Budd (excused). Trustee Jahr arrived at 7:32 p.m. Others in attendance: Public Safety Director McClanahan, Planning and Economic Development Services Director Carroll, DPW Director MacDonald, Recreation and Parks Director Wright, Fire Chief Besson, Executive Assistant/Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of twenty-three (23).

Supervisor White read portions of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the deletion of New Business #6 “Consider approval of contract for the installation of an ADA walking/bike path and picnic areas at Van Buren Park, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract.” Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes August 20, 2012; Closed Session Minutes August 20, 2012; Regular Board Meeting Minutes August 21, 2012] as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Director McClanahan introduced new Police Officer William Kirkland.

Supervisor White read the portion of the Board Meeting Rules of Conduct regarding “Correspondence” as requested by a resident.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to approve the reappointment of Ronald Merrit II to the Environmental Commission with term to expire on October 1, 2015. Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the reappointments of Donald Boynton and Carl Johnson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire on October 1, 2015. Carried.

Ostrowski moved, Partridge seconded to approve the reappointments of Marian Caldwell, Harold Gant, Helen Wylie, Edwin Seyfried, Jane Kovach and Carol Dolph to the Cultural Advisory Committee with terms to expire October 1, 2013; and to extend the Cultural Advisory Committee for one year. Carried.

Partridge moved, Wright seconded to approve the Wade Trim proposal to design a project to replace three existing sanitary sewer pump stations. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) Command contract, January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2013. Carried.

**VOUCHER LIST:** Wright moved, Partridge seconded to approve the September 18, 2012 voucher list. Carried.

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

Supervisor White ordered the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Resolution regarding Visteon received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Clerk Wright announced the following: The November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot will have two pages. The first page of the ballot all partisan positions will be on the front and the back of the first page all non-partisan positions; the second page contains all proposals. The state has six proposals; Wayne County has five proposals; Wayne County Community College has one proposal; and for those voters in Precinct 10 that are in the Lincoln Consolidated School District has two proposals. Voting directions for the General Election are located on the secrecy sleeve. Clerk Wright recommended voters who are eligible to vote absentee to vote absentee due to the length of the ballot and for those going to the polls on Election Day to pick up a sample ballot to review. Clerk Wright announced a Wayne County sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection day on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Southland Shopping Center located at 23000 Eureka Road in Taylor for all Wayne County residents. Also, the Van Buren Township Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day, sponsored by the Environmental Quality Company will be held on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Environmental Quality Company parking lot located at 49350 North I-94 Service Drive for Van Buren Township residents to dispose of hazardous waste in an environmentally safe manner. This information is posted on Township's website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org).

Director Wright announced the Recreation Department offers various exercise classes including Jazzercise and Zumba and a new Beachbody Fit Club class will begin in October. Also, American Ballroom Dance resumes in September. For more information regarding these or other Recreation classes contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921.

Supervisor White also recommended voters to request an absentee ballot.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments were made from 8:19 p.m. to 9:44 p.m. by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: Ecorse Road construction traffic on Tyler Road and Robson Road; lot split; water line on Bemis Road; drainage ordinance, permits and enforcement of ordinances; letter sent to resident regarding retention pond and common areas at Victoria Park; Visteon/Hooiser Co-Generation project regarding special use, sequencing standards and zoning ordinances; Planning Commission; lack of response to audience comments from Board; Township attorney and legal opinions; letter read at previous Board Meeting by Supervisor White regarding email sent to Clerk Wright, requested meeting with Director McClanahan and Captain Laurain regarding a Police Officer has not been held; Local Development Finance Authority; health issues; Master Plan; Office Technology Ordinances; motion by Board regarding Planning Commission and Hooiser Co-Generation project at August 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting, no meeting and validity of motion. Trustee Partridge and Trustee Ostrowski both disagreed with the attorney's recommendation.

The Board recessed at 9:05 p.m. and reconvened at 9:14 p.m.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments continued by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: removal of resident from Township Meetings; Township Planning Consultant.

The Board recessed at 9:23 p.m. and reconvened at 9:28 p.m.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Comments continued by the Board and audience regarding the following topics: enforcement of all Township ordinances; Director Carroll; water and sewer; foreclosures in township and assessments on homes; conduct of meeting; Supervisor White; quotes and release of information from a confidential attorney letter by resident and Supervisor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jahr moved, Partridge seconded to adjourn at 9:44 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright  
Township Clerk

Date: October 2, 2012.

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Paul D. White  
Township Supervisor

Approved: As presented.

**AMENDMENT:** Add under AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items) page 2, sixth paragraph “Trustee Partridge and Trustee Ostrowski both disagreed with the attorney’s recommendation.”