

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
SPECIAL WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2013**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Captain Laurain, Fire Chief Besson, Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, DPW Superintendent Turner, Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Zaenglein, Senior Director Jordan, Cable Director McCracken, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of nine (9).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. To discuss 2013 Amended Budget and 2014 Proposed Budget.

The Board discussed the budgets that were presented during the October 16 & 17 Budget Preparation meeting with the addition of recommendations and comments provided by Board members to Supervisor Combs, as requested. The Board discussed the use of landfill revenues and how past budgets were balanced.

The Board recessed at 5:35 p.m. and the meeting was resumed at 5:50 p.m.

The Board continued discussion on the budgets. Supervisor Combs will incorporate today's discussion along with any additional comments and prepare a Draft Budget for the Board to review. The Budget Public Hearing and approval of the Budgets will be held during the December 3rd Board of Trustees regular meeting.

Residents had the following comments: use of part-time employee as a cost savings; generation of additional revenue by the township instead of cutting budget and possible use of high school students.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

There being no further discussion, the Work Study Session was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.