

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 21, 2013**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee Hart (excused). Others in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director Wright, Parks and Recreation Deputy Director Zaenglein, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of twelve (12).

A moment of silence was held for the victims and survivors of the Oklahoma tornado.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. New Business Item #2 to read “Consider approval to use \$3,000 of the Waste Management money for the 2013 summer concert series and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the performance contracts.” Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes May 6, 2013; Closed Session Minutes May 6, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes May 7, 2013; Voucher List of May 21, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs stated the Van Buren Township Honor Guard members Captain Laurain, Lieutenant Buckberry, Officer Valinski, Officer Hayes and Officer Bidwell presented the colors at a celebration in Washington D.C. for an event commemorating National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund as part of the 2013 National Police Week.

Supervisor Combs gave a Fire Department update noting Probationary Firefighters Michael Vlademar, Dallas Oleszkowicz and Tim Craiger have all received their State Certification as Firefighters. Also, Lieutenant Bruce Van Gemert has passed all the requirements to be a state licensed Paramedic.

Clerk Wright narrated a brief slide show presentation of the recent Belleville High School student council election providing a “Lifelike Voting Experience” for the students. This project was funded by donations from The Charles B Cozzad Rotary Foundation; Judge David Parrot and L&W Engineering; with appreciation to Election Systems & Software and Inland Press for ballot production and coding. A special thank you to the students and faculty at Belleville High School and Van Buren Public Schools; Township Board members Sharry Budd, Jeff Jahr, Brenda McClanahan and Reggie Miller; and township staff. Two student council representatives, who worked the student council election, as election workers thanked the Township board for allowing this real life voting experience.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident inquired about a Mutual Aid payment listed on the voucher list.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the contract with Zambelli Fireworks Company for the 2013 fireworks show and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve use of \$3,000 of the Waste Management money for the 2013 summer concert series and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the performance contracts. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Monday, June 17th at Fire Station #2 located on Belleville Road.

Treasurer Budd announced the Drive-In Dog Clinic and More held last Saturday was a successful event.

Supervisor Combs stated she attended the Belleville Area Museum Antique Appraisal Day held last Saturday and it was a successful event.

Clerk Wright announced the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday, May 27th in honor Memorial Day.

Trustee Miller inquired if there were any garden beds available at Van Buren Park to rent and Deputy Director Zaenglein stated yes there are a few garden beds available.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 7:32 p.m. to 7:36 p.m. by Board members regarding the process for a strategic plan (mission/vision statement) for the Township.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.