

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MAY 7, 2013**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Interim Planning and Economic Development Director Mullen, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of nineteen (19).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of New Business Item #6 “Consider the Township’s attorney recommendation regarding pending litigation in the case of Gable v. Van Buren Township”. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes April 14, 2013; Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 15, 2013; Voucher List of May 7, 2013.] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs stated she received a telephone call from a resident in appreciation of the Public Safety Department for their assistance with a gas leak at her home.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Jahr seconded to adopt [Resolution 2013-08](#) a Club License with entertainment permit for BYC (Belleville Yacht Club) to be located at 831 E. Huron River Drive, MI 48111, Wayne County, Van Buren Charter Township. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the request of budget amendments for the Supervisor’s office. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Jahr, Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: Miller. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Wiese’s Lawn Care for the 2013 mowing of Non-Township owned properties and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve [Resolution 2013-05](#) the Board of Trustees Meeting Conduct Policy as amended. Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve [Resolution 2013-09](#) and to approve Storm Water Maintenance and Repair Agreement for Belle Tire. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Hart and Combs. Nays: Jahr and Miller. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Township’s attorney recommendation regarding pending litigation in the case of Gamble v. Van Buren Township. Carried.

REPORTS: Supervisor Combs ordered the February 2013 and March 2013 Budgetary Report received and filed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced the Parks and Recreation Department is currently hiring seasonal employees for their summer programs and for information contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 734-699-8921. The Belleville Area Museum is hosting an Antique Appraisal Day on Saturday, May 11th from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Also on Saturday, May 11th the Drive-In Dog Clinic and More will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at township hall including the following: Veterinarian services/Dog licenses; Rain Barrel sale; Yard Waste stickers; Recycling stickers; register for a smoke detector; Landfill Passes; Van Buren Park Passes; Goodfellows Canned Food Drive and Child Car Seat Inspections.

Clerk Wright announced new voter ID cards were mailed on April 19th to voters who reside in precincts 2, 6 and 8 to update voting location as approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 19th Board meeting. The changes are Precinct 2 - Fire Station 2 on Belleville Road will move to Wayne County Community College; Precinct 6 - Fire Station 1 Sumpter/Hull Road will move to a second precinct at Belleville High School; Precinct 8 will move back to Haggerty School. If you have questions contact the Clerk's Office at 699-8909 and information regarding voting is also on the Township's website www.vanburen-mi.org under Clerk's Department. Also, the Clerk's Office will be assisting Belleville High School with their student council election next week to provide a "Lifelike Voting Experience". This project is being 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.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Comments were made from 8:42 p.m. to 9:01 p.m. by audience and Board members regarding the following topics: Non-Agenda Items; Public comment period; Board policy on absences of the Board members; Township ordinances, Ordinance Officers; permit revenue; River Park Condominiums; Board members; Township wide Home Owner's Association Coalition.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.