

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2016**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers, Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Best, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson and an audience of eight (8).

Supervisor Combs thanks the Board and members of the community for their support, letters and prayers for her family during her leave of absence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of December 14, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of December 14, 2015; Board Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015; Prepaid List of December 17, 2015; Prepaid List of December 23, 2015; Prepaid List of January 7, 2016; Voucher List of January 12, 2016; Adoption of Resolution 2016-01, 2016 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines; Approval of the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2017; Approval of the appointment of Betty Neill and the reappointments of Vera Ireland, Mary Korgal, Margaret Thompson and Helen Wylie to the September Days Senior Endowment Committee with terms to expire January 15, 2018]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Hart moved, Miller seconded to open the public hearing at 7:05 p.m. to (1) receive public comment on the request by Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. to establish Industrial Development District #17 and (2) to receive public comment on the request by Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. The applicant, a German Manufacturer of mostly technical products has light manufacturing and an assembly of safety sensors for the automotive industry. They are currently located off Michigan Ave. in Canton and is interested in establishing a 50,000 sq. ft. facility in the Township on 14.58 acres located in the Industrial Park area on Schooner Dr. with potential future expansion to 200,000 sq. ft. The applicant is requesting an Industrial Facilities Exemption for nine (9) years. Resident John Delaney expressed concern regarding the points awarded the applicant under the Charter Township of Van Buren Tax Abatement Guidelines. Board members discussed points awarded to determine years of eligibility for abatement. Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Bill VanWinkle provided a brief presentation on the Lions Club. He is working to establish a Lions Club chapter that encompasses the City of Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township. The public is invited to attend an informational meeting at the Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St. in Belleville at 6:30 p.m. January 19th, 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Hart seconded to approve the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Costco Wholesale at 5860 Belleville Rd. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Hart, Budd, Miller. Nays: Jahr. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Belleview Commercial at 10705 Belleville Rd. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Hart, Budd, Miller. Nays: Jahr. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Supervisor Combs announced vacancies on the Water and Sewer Commission and Recreation committee and encouraged interested resident to apply. Applications are available on the Townships website and at the Supervisor's office. Clerk Wright announced the Township administrative offices will be closed on Monday January 18, 2016 in observance of Martin Luther King Day; applications to request an absentee ballot for the March 8, 2016 Primary Election have been mailed to all registered voters on the permanent absentee list and gave a brief overview of recently passed State Election law changes.

NON AGENDA: Resident commented on a desire for the Board to consider a squatters ordinance and review ways to identify utility theft.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Date: _____.