

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2015**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Public Safety Deputy Director-Fire Besson, Human Resource Generalist Undy, Developmental Services Consultant Sloan and an audience of twenty three (23).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Supervisor Combs requested to amend the agenda by moving Correspondence ahead of the Public Hearing and adding the following item to the Consent Agenda: the reappointment of Amos Grissett to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiration of October 1, 2017. Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes December 15, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2014; Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2014; Voucher List of January 13, 2015; Prepaid Lists of December 19, 2014, December 23, 2014 and January 8, 2015; Adoption of Resolution 2015-03 the 2015 Board of Review Poverty Exemption Guidelines; Approval of Resolution 2015-04 the South Huron Valley Utility Authority Consolidated Service Agreement and the reappointment of Amos Grissett to the Board of Zoning Appeals with a term expiration of October 1, 2017]. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from Pastor Paul Bostwick of the Maranatha Baptist Church thanking the September Days Senior Center for their services to the community and praising the cultural exchange program for young people from Germany. Human Resource Generalist in conjunction with Supervisor Combs presented the following employee service awards: 25 Years- Michael Moening-Police Sergeant, Linda Stevenson-Assessment Coordinator; 20 Years- Joseph Strickland-Water Worker III, Jeffery Gueli-Police Sergeant, Mark Buxton-Police Officer, Daniel Besson-Public Safety Deputy Director-Fire, Bart DeVos-Police Sergeant; 15 Years-Bradley Hines-Water Worker III, Ryan Drotar-DPW III, Michael Burgor-DPW III, Tina Grishaber-Account Clerk, David Schuler-Fire Fighter/Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Richard Hamill-Fire Fighter; 10 Years- Charles Dewitt-Fire Fighter, Joanne Montgomery-Deputy Clerk, Robert Queener-Ordinance Enforcement/Animal Control Officer; 5 Years- Patrick Laskaska-Fire Fighter, Matthew Raschke-Police Officer.

PUBLIC HEARING: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. to receive comment on the reprogramming (transfer) of 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Housing Rehabilitation Funds in the amount of \$26,663.00 to public Facilities and Improvements-Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens. No public comment was received. Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to open the Public Hearing at 7: 15 p.m. to receive comment on the proposed use of Program Year 2015 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G) in the annual CDBG application in the amount of \$124,895. Developmental Services Consultant Patrick Sloan outlined the Objectives of the CDBG program as (A) To provide benefits directly to persons of low-to-moderate income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low to moderate income (B) To reduce negative environment impacts (C) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG and non-federally funded programs (D) To improve the quality of life for low to moderate income person and (E) To create affordable housing for low income households. The Estimated Allocations are: (1) \$89,921 Public Facilities and Improvements (2) \$8,992 Youth Services, (3) \$8,992 Senior Services, (4) \$5,995

planning (5) \$5,000 Program Income. No public comment was received. Budd moved, Hart seconded to close the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-01 the reprogramming (transfer) of 2012 and 2013 Community Development Block Grant (C.D.B.G.) Housing Rehabilitation Funds in the amount of \$26,663.00 to Public Facilities and Improvements- Emergency Outdoor Warning Sirens. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday January 19, 2015 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and wished a Happy 178th Birthday to the State of Michigan.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): A resident from the Walden Woods Subdivision and Treasurer of the Walden Woods Subdivision Home Owners Association commented on the lack of a paved portion of Morton Taylor Road and lack of street lighting that was required by the developer in accordance with the approved subdivision site plans. Residents were concerned that because the subdivision was near completion (only 6 remaining homes/lots to be sold) that the developer would walk away leaving items, most specifically the road paving, incomplete. Supervisor Combs advised the resident that she has had several conversations with the Developmental Services Department Director and it is the intention of the Township to not issue any certificate of occupancy until all terms of the approved site plans are met and that she will be sending a Township employee out to the review the property for completion of projects. She thanked the residents for bringing this matter to her attention and bringing it forth to the Board of Trustees.

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved: _____.