

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2015**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Planning and Economic Development Director Akers and an audience of seventeen (17).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: to move Consent Agenda item #8 to New Business item #3. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session Minutes of September 14, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of September 14, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2015; Prepaid List of September 18, 2015; Prepaid List of September 25, 2015; Prepaid List of October 1, 2015; Voucher List of October 6, 2015; Appointment of David Senters to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) with a term to expire 10-1-2018.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs thanked all those current and past members serving on Committees and Commissions and introduced Pastor Ian Reed Twiss who recently became Pastor at Trinity Episcopal Church. Pastor Twiss expressed his desire to learn more about the needs of the community and encouraged a partnership with the Board to address those needs. Several residents thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his service and contribution to the Planning Commission during his term.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented on the desire to have appointments to committees and commission moved from the consent agenda to new business to allow comments from the public; thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his service and contribution to the Planning Commission; requested review of applicant qualifications for committees and commissions and welcomed the appointment of new members who wished to serve the community.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to consider the second reading of Ordinance 9-15-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-021-01-0006-0001 from C-1 (General Business) to R-2A (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Absent/Excused: Wright. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to postpone the consideration to award the contract for paving repairs in the Walden Woods subdivision to Fiore Enterprises until October 15, 2015 during a special meeting. Motion Carried.

McClanahan moved, Budd seconded to approve the re-appointment of Donald Boynton and appointment of Ronald K. Jackson to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2018. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The August Budgetary Report was received and filed. A copy of the report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON AGENDA:

Van Buren Public School Board Trustee reminded the public of the upcoming November 3, 2015 Special Election and encouraged voters to support the .5 mil sinking fund proposal; announced the High School band was selected to appear at Carnegie Hall and invited everyone to join in the Homecoming festivities this weekend. Residents comments included: encouraged voters to support the 6.5 mil Public Safety Millage that will appear on the November 3, 2015 Special Election ballot; a request for assistance by the Board and Ordinance Department personnel regarding blight and ordinance issues in a local subdivision; reminded the Board that a vacancy remains unfilled on the LDFA Board and thanked Dr. Carl Johnson for his contribution and service to the Planning Commission during his term.

Supervisor Combs called a recess at 7:56 p.m. due to a disturbance in the audience. The meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.