

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 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 Miller, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart. Others in attendance: Secretary Clair and an audience of thirteen.

Supervisor Combs requested to amend the agenda moving Consent Agenda item #14 [To consider approval of the Elected Officials Benefits Manual] to New Business item #4 and add Approval of the adjustments to the LDFA terms per statute and adopted resolution to the Consent Agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Special Budget Preparation minutes of October 25th, 26th and 27th, 2016; Special Work Study Session minutes of October 31, 2016; Special Board Meeting minutes of November 1, 2016; Special Work Study Session minutes of November 3, 2016; Prepaid List of November 4, 2016; Prepaid List of November 10, 2016; Voucher List of November 15, 2016; Approval of a clerical revision to Resolution 2016-03 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc.; Approval of the Amendments to the Tax Abatement (198 & 328) Guidelines and Agreements ;Approval of the Commercial Fireworks Display Application by Great Lakes Fireworks LLC ; Approval of the re-appointment of Norm DeBuck to the Environmental Commission with a term expiring October 1, 2019; Approval of the Revised Policies and Procedures Manual; Approval of the Revised Salaried Employees Benefits Manual and Approval of the adjustments to the LDFA terms per statute and adopted resolution.]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Wayne County Commissioner (11th District) Al Haidous presented proclamations to outgoing Board of Trustee members Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Combs for their service. Supervisor Combs presented a 25 years of service award to Public Safety Administrative Assistant Pam Fleming also thanking her for countless hours coordinating the Good Fellows program; read a letter from a resident praising the Public Safety Department for their assistance, congratulated Assessing Clerk Gina Dorazio who recently received certification as a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer and thanked Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson for his efforts in achieving a lowered ISO rating that may provide a savings to residents on their homeowners insurance rates.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments included: Praised the Assessing Department and disapproval of in lieu of health care for elected officials.

NEW BUSINESS: Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2016-18 the Parks and Recreation 2016-2020 Master Plan. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the telecommunication right-of-way permit application for KEPS Technologies Inc., dba ACD.net. Motion Carried. Request is to allow installation of a fiber optic cable.

Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Special Land Use request for parcel V-125-83-051-99-0003-005 so the property may operate as a drive-thru restaurant. Motion Carried. Request is to allow a Tim Horton's drive thru.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the Elected Official Benefits manual. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright and Miller. Nays: Jahr and McClanahan. Absent/Excused: Hart. Motion Carried. Those opposed expressed concern with providing an in lieu of health care benefit.

REPORTS: The Budgetary Report of September 2016 was received as presented. Copies are available at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright thanked his staff, the precinct workers, the voters who turned out in record numbers at the November 8, 2016 General Election and those who supported the Public Safety Millage. He also announced the Township Administrative offices will be closed on Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

NON-AGENDA: Comments included: Questioned if the proposed agreement with Waste Management, recently discussed at a special meeting, would be addressed by the new Board; thanked the Public Millage Campaign committee and the voters who passed the millage noting "when we work together as a team we can accomplish a lot to move the Township forward"; thanked the outgoing Board of Trustee members for their service; welcomed the in-coming Board of Trustee members; invited the public to the swearing in of the Board of Trustees on Friday at 2:00 p.m. in the Board room; stated there are ways to save money in the budget; questioned a procedure regarding audience comment and Board Members thanked the public for the opportunity to serve the community.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.