

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2015**

Clerk Wright called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Miller, Trustee McClanahan. Late Arrival: Trustee Jahr (4:04 p.m.). Absent/Excused: Supervisor Combs. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Director Ireland, Assistant DDA Director Lothringer, DDA, Executive Assistant Clair, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development Best, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Services Director Taylor, and an audience of six (6).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the appointment of John Delaney to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2017. Mr. Delaney has actively attended LDFA meetings for eight years and expressed his desire to serve. Board members questioned his personal background and past behavior at board meetings. Mr. Delaney assured the Board he had a full understanding of the requirements of the position and is working on resolving an issue associated with his past.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented on: John Delaney's background and past behavior at Board meetings, a notice of layoff sent to union members from union president Adam Byrd, classes being held by a business at fire station #2, classes being taught at Schoolcraft college by Deputy Director (Fire) Besson, a conference lunch expense on the voucher list for Clerk Wright and the cost of lodging for attendance by Public Safety Director Laurain at the International Chief of Police conference in Chicago.

Treasurer Budd and Clerk Wright commented that they had not been aware of the classes at fire station #1 until today and would be meeting to discuss the concern, that no full time elected official authorized Adam Byrd to disseminate a layoff notice and classes being taught by Deputy Director Besson would be reviewed. Director Laurain commented that the lodging was arranged and recommended in conjunction with the conference for attendees at the government rate.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss on-going Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) union negotiations at 4:42 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Absent/Excused: Combs. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: To discuss on-going Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) union negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Study Session was reconvened at 7:55 p.m. There being no further discussion Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the work study session at 7:56. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Sharry Budd, Township Treasurer

Date: _____.