

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee White, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, DDA Director Ireland, DPS Director Taylor, Senior Director Jordan, and an audience of three (3).

Supervisor McNamara requested New Business item #1 be moved to a later part of the agenda to the applicant for appointment to the DDA could be present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the appointment of Patricia Sobecki to the September Days Senior Citizens Endowment Committee with a term to expire January 15, 2018. Ms. Sobecki has been a long time member and volunteer at the Senior Center. If approved she would fill the balance of the term of the late Betty Neill.

Discussion on the appointment of Kess Emekpe to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2017. Mr. Emekpe is a 7 year resident of the Township, is a member of the Huron River Watershed Council, holds a degree in Earth and Environmental Science and is working towards his master's degree.

Discussion on the evaluation process for the Qualifications Based Selection Committee in the selection of a General Planning Services firm. The evaluation process includes a Statement of Qualifications Evaluation, Reference Check, Interview Questions and a Score Sheet. The highest scoring applicant(s) will be brought forth to the Board for approval.

Discussion on the evaluation process for the Qualifications Based Selection Committee in the selection of a Engineering Services firm. The evaluation process includes a Statement of Qualifications Evaluation, Reference Check, Interview Questions and a Score Sheet. The highest scoring applicant(s) will be brought forth to the Board for approval.

Discussion on the re-appointments of Craig Atchinson and Chris Brown and the appointment of Dawn Chappell to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) with terms to expire March 9, 2021. Mr. Atchinson and Brown have expressed their desire to continue service. Ms. Chappell is a resident residing in the DDA district who has been active in community events and holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Discussion on Ordinance 02-21-17 (1). This Ordinance will grant the exclusive use and enjoyment of Township owned property around Belleville Lake to the abutting property owners. The Ordinance grants the abutting property owner the exclusive right of use of the Township owned property around Belleville Lake. The area is delimited by the Zoning Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) which addresses where the specific exclusive use boundaries are. The property owner shall maintain the lake property in compliance with all existing applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Discussion on Ordinance 02-21-17 (2) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to add a new article regarding the Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. This Ordinance adds language to the Township's Zoning Ordinance with regards to the regulation of physical improvements made to the

Township owned property around Belleville Lake. It also offers protections to the abutting property owners by grandfathering existing structures and establishes separate regulations for property abutting single family home (BLA zoning district) and multi-family/commercial properties (BLB zoning district).

Discussion on Ordinance 02-21-17 (3) an Ordinance to amend the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 to rezone those portions of Township owned Belleville Lake parcels that are located below the 655-foot contour line (1929 NGVD) or "Brow of the hill" to Belleville Lake Shoreline Districts. This Ordinance amends the Township's Zoning Map to incorporate the BLA (shoreline abutting single family homes) and BLB (shoreline abutting multi-family/commercial properties).

PUBLIC COMMENT: Comments included: the dis-repair of Haggerty Road and Visteon Way from Ecorse to Hannan.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Miller, seconded by White to adjourn the Work Study Session at 5:32 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.