

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2014**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee Hart (excused). Others in attendance: Fire Chief Besson, Assessment Coordinator Stevenson, Secretary Cline and an audience of fourteen (14).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 3, 2014; Closed Session Minutes March 3, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 4, 2014; Resolution 2014-05, the Annual Wayne County Maintenance Permit; Resolution 2014-06, Annual Wayne County Pavement Restoration Permit; Resolution 2014-07, Annual Wayne County Special Events Permit; Resolution 2014-08, the Downriver Wastewater Treatment System Joint Management Committee (JMC) Resolution for appointing Township representative; Voucher List of March 18, 2014] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter addressed to Public Safety Director Laurain from City of Belleville Police Chief Taylor regarding assistance in apprehending a subject in the City of Belleville provided by Van Buren Township Sergeant DeVos and Officer Wehrman.

Marc Littleson, VBall (Van Buren Area Little League) president introduced the VBall Board members and provided an update on number of registrations, fundraisers and new equipment purchased using the funding provided by Civic Fund. VBall t-shirts were given to the Township Board members along with an invitation to attend opening day on May 10th. Treasurer Budd, a member of the Civic Fund stated the purpose of the Civic Fund is to assist youth organizations such as VBall.

Gene Taylor, City of Belleville's Police Chief stated he is retiring and thanked Van Buren Township community stating he enjoyed the cooperation between Van Buren Township Public Safety Department and the City of Belleville's Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinance 3-4-14(2) to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 58 - Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Article IV Offenses Against Property, by amending Section 58-147, Retail Fraud. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Miller, Jahr, McClanahan, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Hart (excused). Carried.

*(A copy of the synopsis of Ordinance 3-4-14(2) follows the minutes. Copies of the entire ordinance may be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of General Code of Ordinance 3-4-14(3) to amend the Code of Ordinances, Charter Township of Van Buren, Chapter 6 – Alcoholic Liquors, Article I In General, by amending Section 6-7, Purchasing, consumption and possession by

persons under 21. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McClanahan, Miller, Jahr, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: None. Absent: Hart (excused). Carried.

*(A copy of the synopsis of Ordinance 3-4-14(3) follows the minutes. Copies of the entire ordinance may be obtained in the Clerk's Office, Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road during normal business hours.)

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the Fire Department Automatic Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Belleville and to authorize Chief Besson to sign on behalf of the Township. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2014-04, the amended Interlocal Agreement with Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association and MABAS Division and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

McClanahan moved, Wright seconded to approve the Independent Contactor Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and Sharon L. Frischman and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Agreement. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Trustee Miller announced the Second Annual St. Vincent DePaul Charity Basketball benefit tournament will be held at Belleville High on March 29th between Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter Police and Fire Departments.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Non-Agenda Items started at 7:31 p.m. and ended at 7:50 p.m. Karen Fort a resident from Cobble Stone Ridge commented on the Cobble Stone Ridge development and proposed agreement between Township and Sheldon Acquisition; tax liens/foreclosures; email from Director Mullen regarding attorney client privilege; photographs of signs posted in violation of by-laws; condition of property after homes are built; who is the developer and why are developer rights being given to someone other than a developer; unpaid association fees. Supervisor Combs stated she has a meeting set up with Mr. Byarski owner of vacant lots next week and will provide the resident with an update after the meeting. Treasurer Budd thanked Deputy Treasurer Bellingham for filling in today by doing a presentation at Owen Intermediate School showing the students what are the functions of the Treasurer's Department. Julianne Chard a resident from Cobble Stone Ridge inquired who is Sheldon Acquisition; unpaid taxes; ability to participate in the process regarding Cobble Stone Ridge Development; who is the developer; lack of faith in Sheldon Acquisition to honor an agreement and other developments owned by the same group; request to allow a future developer to come forward to complete the development.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor