

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 1, 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 Hart, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Miller. Absent: Trustee McClanahan (excused). Others in attendance: Fire Chief Besson, DPW Director Taylor, Executive Assistant LaMothe, Secretary Cline and an audience of two (2).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wright moved, Hart seconded to remove from the agenda New Business #4 “Consider approval of the job description for Human Resource Manager.” Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Hart, Budd, Wright and Combs. Nays: Miller and Jahr. Absent: McClanahan (excused). Carried.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Work Study Session Minutes March 17, 2014; Closed Session Minutes March 17, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 18, 2014; Voucher List of April 1, 2014] as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter from Chief Besson for a “great job” Firefighter/EMT Worth and Probationary Firefighter/Paramedic Kowalski for their actions on a medical assist resulting in the delivery of a baby.

Supervisor Combs read a letter from a resident thanking Chief Besson and Officer Smith for their assistance in changing a tire in December 2013.

Clerk Wright provided a report to the Board from AmeraPlan showing the saving to health care cost by changing to a HRA insurance plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Hart moved, Miller seconded to approve the increase to Election Inspector wages, as presented. Carried.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the three year Professional Services Agreement with Hydro Designs, Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the SDWA mandated Cross Connection Control program and to authorize the Clerk and Supervisor to execute the Agreement. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the Personal Leave of Absence for a Paid-on-Call Fire Fighter Jeffrey Schulz. Carried.

REPORTS: Trustee Hart reported during the Strategic Planning Session a subcommittee comprising of Trustee Hart, Trustee Miller and Clerk Wright (Recreation Board Representative) and they have met with Recreation Committee for ideas to develop a plan for improvements to Township Parks with the next step being to meet with the Township Planner. Clerk Wright stated he has additional information from a

recent SEMCOG meeting and Trustee Miller thanked the Recreation Committee for their input and support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced Shred Day for residents in conjunction with Recall Corporation will be held on August 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For more information visit the Township's website at www.vanburen-mi.org or contact Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909. Also, Van Buren Civic Fund has provided a grant in the amount of \$26,000 to the Township to be used to for improvements at Township Cemeteries. The Cemetery Advisory Committee has been identifying areas needing improvement. In addition, when the remainder of the Township parking lot is replaced this year the millings will be used throughout the cemeteries roadways.

Supervisor Combs made the following announcements. Celebrate 10 years of Living and Giving Local with Van Buren Civic Fund and Van Buren Township's 178th birthday on Saturday, April 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Atchinson Ford located at 9800 Belleville Road; The Belleville Area Museum is looking for historical information on Tri-Community current or defunct, clubs and organizations for upcoming exhibit, for more information contact Katie Dallos at 734-697-1944; The Recreation Department is holding a Get Up and Get Active (ages 9-14) on April 21st – 25th also, an Egg Hunt Hullabaloo and Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 12th at Township Hall for information contact the Recreation Department at 734-699-8921; Van Buren Township Honor Guard will present the colors at a Tiger Baseball game on April 21st; I-96 full closure in Wayne Count begins April 5th between Telegraph and Newburgh Roads; Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on May 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Wayne County Community College Western Campus located at 9555 Haggerty Road.

Trustee Hart thanked the Public Safety Department for their professionalism in the work they do regarding recent accident and also during the bad weather in the winter months.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Chief Besson stated the Van Buren Fire Department first Fire Academy had thirteen students including nine from Van Buren Township complete the Fire Academy. Chief Besson also recognized Battalion Chief Folks for running the Fire Academy noting the State of Michigan fully gave their support to continue the Van Buren Fire Department Academy in the future and thanked the Board of Trustees for their support.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor