

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee White, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer, DPS Director Taylor, Consultant Sloan and an audience of nine (9).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

Supervisor McNamara stated that he would allow Public Comment on New Business items prior to discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident commented on the Industrial Facilities Exemption application for Mayser Polymer Inc. as it pertained to new employees vs. transferred employees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on resolution 2017-08 amending Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2017-012 for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. The applicant is requesting an amendment to their previously approved certificate due to an increase in its material and labor costs.

Discussion on the Qualifications Based Selection Committee's recommendation of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. as the Township's general Engineering Services firm. The Committee, made up of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, DDA Director and Public Services Director, interviewed four firms and ranked them in accordance with established criteria. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. ranked the highest.

Discussion on the Qualifications Based Selection Committee's recommendation of McKenna & Associates as the Township's General Planning Services firm. The Committee, made up of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, DDA Director and Planning Commission Chairperson, interviewed three firms and ranked them in accordance with established criteria. McKenna and Associates ranked the highest.

Discussion on the requests for participation in the Wayne County Local Township Roads Initiative Program. Supervisor McNamara requested that Trustee Frazier abstain from any/all discussions on this item due to her position on the Van Buren Public Schools Board. Funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00, were allocated from Wayne County under the Local Township Roads Initiative Program to make improvements to residentially zoned local roads in the Township. Two options were presented to the Board. Option A is to pave McBride Road. Under this option the Township received petitions by over 57% of the residents allowing for the formation of a Special Assessment District to cover the required 20% contribution. The contribution to the residents would be offset through a commitment from the Van Buren Public School District in the amount of \$90,000.00. Option B is to improve roads in Andover Farms, Robinson River Park, Walden Woods and Charter Club subdivisions. Each subdivision has committed to the required 20% contribution however the sum total of the four projects does not utilize all the Wayne

County funding which would be lost if not used. The recommendation by Director Akers was to consider approval of Option A.

Developmental Services Deputy Director Best, in conjunction with the Alliance of Rouge Communities, is offering free native seed packets (limited quantities) to residents in honor of Earth Day during the Meet the Supervisor and Director of Public Services presentation at the Senior Department on April 19 at 1:00 p.m. Any remaining packets, following the event, will be available at the Developmental Services Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments included: Opposition to the selection of McKenna and Associates as the Township's Planning and General Service's firm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Miller, seconded by Budd to adjourn the Work Study Session at 5:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.