

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 1, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 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, Consultant Sloan, Recreation Director Wright and Deputy Director Zaenglein, H.R. Director Sumpter, Public Safety Director Laurain and Deputy Director (Fire) Brow, Lt. Floro and an audience of five (5).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Ordinance 5-2-17 (2) to rezone parcel V125-83-093-01-0021-001 (40631 Alden Dr.) from C-1 (General Commercial) to R-1C (Single Family Residential). The intent of the applicant is to eliminate the legal non-conforming use status of the property so they can construct an addition onto their home.

Discussion on Ordinance 5-2-17 (1) the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance. A comprehensive update to the Township Zoning Ordinance was developed over the past three years and has been recommended for adoption by the subcommittee and Planning Commission. It provides a more user friendly format with hyperlinks, definitions and land use tables.

Discussion on entering into the regional 2016 Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program and amendment to line item: 101-336-741-000. In 2016 the City of Ypsilanti took the lead in applying for a regional grant and was recently approved. The grant requires a 10% match by the Township to receive \$74,000 for life-saving equipment specifically for a state of the art CPR assistance device.

Discussion on the Inter-Governmental Agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the City of Belleville for emergency dispatch and lockup services. The agreement is for three years, provides an annual increase of 2.5%, names each municipality as an additional insured and has been reviewed by Township counsel.

Discussion on the Summer Youth Employment Program the REAL (Revealing Exceptionally Amazing Leaders). The Township has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$47,497 to fund a summer youth job program. Interviews were held on April 27, 2017. The program will offer youth employment opportunities as Community Ambassadors and Junior Administrative Assistants who will be supervised by Township Departmental Directors. Board members expressed concern over using Directors as Supervisors and the lack of the grant agreement for review. This item will be removed from the Board Meeting agenda of May 2, 2017 and postponed pending the agreement.

Discussion on developing a dog park at Riggs Park (12945 Martinsville Rd.) or other location. Board members expressed concern that a Facebook page had been created by a resident that solicited interest in the development of a Dog Park at Riggs Park prior to any Board Member discussion. Although a dog park was indicated in the Parks and Recreation Master plan in both 2011 and in 2016 no action has occurred towards implementation. A comprehensive review and logistical analysis would be required prior to any formal action.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments included: Prior attempts by non-profit groups to establish a dog park, support for Director's participation in the summer youth job program, a request to addresses the allowable number of recreational vehicle, trailers, boats, and agriculture equipment in a residential zoning district and a 2010 Township resolution that addressed internet postings.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Budd, seconded by Martin to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:10 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.