

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2015**

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, and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Hart and Trustee McClanahan. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Director Knowles, DPS Superintendent Turner, Public Safety (Fire) Deputy Director Besson, Wade Trim Engineer Nummer, Attorney McCauley and an audience of twenty-eight (28).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the agenda with the following amendment: New Business Item #2 corrected to read "To consider approval of the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (1) to implement rezoning request approval for parcel V125-83-118-99-0020-000 from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) as recommended by the Planning Commission". Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of April 20, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of April 20, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2015; Special Work Study Session Minutes of May 6, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of May 6, 2015; Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2015; Prepaid List of April 24, 2015; Prepaid List of April 30, 2015; Prepaid List of May 8, 2015; Prepaid List of May 14, 2015; Voucher List of May 5, 2015; Voucher List of May 19, 2015 and approval of the clerical revision to Resolution 2014-10 authorizing an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Costco Wholesale Corporation]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jahr moved, Miller seconded to open the Public Hearing on the assessment roll for the Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement-Special Assessment District at 7:03 p.m. Motion Carried. Director Knowles explained the purpose of this second Public Hearing was to receive public input of the assessment roll for Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement Special Assessment District based on engineering estimates of probable costs. In order for a property owner to protest an assessment to the State for any reason, they must notify the Township before or during this hearing. Total estimated cost of construction is \$684,814. The total proposed to be paid by the property owners through the Special Assessment District is \$131,309. Each tax parcel is proposed to pay one equal share or 1/46th of the total cost over a five year period.

Residents made comments regarding the cost analysis of the project, interest rate on the assessment, potential cost overrun, drainage, permitting, access to parcels, road construction processes, assessment by linear frontage, assessment by unit parcel, validity of the petition process, driveway approach replacement, the current condition of the roads and the great opportunity to have 80% of the costs covered through the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program.

The Board was presented a map of the project area indicating parcels with large frontage and a letter from resident Laurie Mercurio of 45166 Jeanette who, in her letter, stated she is opposed to the assessment. The following residents stated for the record they are opposed to the assessment: Resident Douglas Wells of 45131 Jeanette, resident Howard Nugent of 11507, resident Debbie Allen of 45116 Jeanette, and resident Catherine Howard of 45131 Jeanette in order to protect their ability to appeal to the Michigan State Tax Tribunal.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to close the Public Hearing at 8:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire) Besson presented recently hired Fire Fighter Aaron Ladach and announced the hiring of Fire Fighter Steven Orloff.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract with R.W. Mercer Company to rebuild and upgrade the Township Hall Fueling station which includes a 10% contingency, not to exceed a total amount of \$58,003.00. Motion Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (1) to implement the rezoning request for parcel V125-83-118-99-0020-000 from C (Local Business) to R-1A (Single Family Residential) as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 05-19-2015 (2) to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92 as amended, to permit outdoor dining and table service in the C-1 (General Business) zoning district. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2015-19 the Venetian, Jeanette and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District assessment roll. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2015-20 authorizing a loan to the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District from the Landfill Fund. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Walden Woods Homeowners Association and the Township for road rehabilitation funding under the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2015-21 the contract with Wayne County for the Local Roads Initiative Program, with attorney revisions, and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the contract with Wade-Trim to perform engineering services under the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative Program for (1) the Venetian, Jeanette, and Dewitt Road Improvement District-Special Assessment District in the amount of \$45,000.00 and the (2) Walden Woods Homeowners Association for \$8,500.00 and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** The March 2015 Budgetary report was received and filed. The report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Supervisor Combs Announced the Antique Appraisal Fair at the Belleville Area Museum on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and Thunder Rolls starting at the Wayne County Community College-Western Campus at 1:00 p.m. and in the City of Belleville at approximately 2:00 p.m. Monday May 25, 2015. Proceeds benefit Veterans in need. Clerk Wright announced the Township Hall administrative offices will be closed on Monday May 25, 2015 in observance of Memorial Day and the Clerk's Office assisted Belleville High School with their Student Council Election on Tuesday May 12, 2015 through a generous donation received from the Cozzad Rotary Foundation. This year marked a milestone for the project. Graduating seniors have been provided this opportunity throughout their entire high school term. 60% of students participated in the "life-like" voting experience, 26 registered to vote and 11 completed applications to work in the community as Precinct Inspectors. Since the inception of the project the Clerk's office has seen an increase in the voting in the 18-21 year old age range.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved as presented.