

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 6, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Old Township Hall (AKA Belleville Area Museum). Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Director (Fire Chief) Brow and Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Attorney Mannarino, Public Services Director Akers, Cable Director McCracken, Museum Director Dallos, Executive Assistant Selman and an audience of forty (40).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion Carried.

Video presentation on the history of the Belleville Area Museum and surrounding communities.

Tom Fielder, President of the Historical Society and Belleville City Councilman, welcomed the Board and members of the community to the Museum and to the City of Belleville.

Director of Public Safety Laurain gave an overview on the Fire Fighter cadet program in conjunction with Belleville High School, the Township and Schoolcraft College and presented the first candidate to enroll in the program Mr. Parker Springer.

The following individuals were presented awards for commendable and meritorious acts for their life saving efforts during an incident involving a woman trapped in a vehicle that rolled into Belleville Lake on April 28, 2017: Van Buren Fire Fighter Walters, Van Buren Lt. Floro, Kevin Gillespie of Sandy's Marina and citizen Shawn McKelvey.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** White moved, Miller seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session minutes of May 15, 2017, Closed Session minutes of May 15, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of May 16, 2017, Prepaid List of May 19, 2017, Prepaid List of May 25, 2017, Voucher List of June 6, 2017 and approval of the Attorney recommendation regarding Visteon litigation]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor McNamara received a letter indicating the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has approved the Township's application for the lake property located on Belleville Rd. at Quirk Rd. which allows the Township to move forward in the process of purchasing and developing the site and encouraged everyone to download the Van Buren Township Mobile App available at the Google Play Store and Apple Store.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Supervisor McNamara requested to be recused from voting and consideration of New Business item #1 due to his relationship as a member of the Belleville Yacht Club.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the recusal of Supervisor McNamara from discussion on New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the appointment of Trustee Miller as chair of the meeting during consideration of New Business item #1. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Special Land Use request for parcel V-125-83-088-99-0005-000 (831 E. Huron River Dr.) so the applicant may construct a detached accessory building. The Belleville Yacht Club is requesting to construct an enclosed "Tiki Bar" accessory building. No public comment was received during the public hearing held by the Planning Commission on May 24, 2017. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 05-16-17 to discuss an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 90 (Waterways) Sec. 90-1 to 90-97. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried. This amendment to Chapter 90 adopts state law the Township had not previously adopted and allows for adjudication at the District Court level.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 06-06-17 to re-zone parcel V125-83-021-01-0009-304 (49412 Michigan Ave.) from C (Local Business) & C-2 (Extensive Highway Business) to C-1 (General Commercial). Motion Carried. The primary intent of the applicant (owner) is to rezone the property to allow the ability to construct a gasoline filling station at the property.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the Professional Services Contract between the Township and Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber, Inc. for General Engineering Services. Motion Carried. The Qualifications Based selection process was followed in the selection of this firm. The Supervisor's Office negotiated the contract.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Professional Services Contract between the Township and McKenna & Associates to provide General Planning Services. Motion Carried. The Qualifications Based selection process was followed in the selection of this firm. The Supervisor's Office negotiated the contract.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2017-11 an agreement between the Township and Van Buren Public Schools for the paving of McBride Road. Motion Carried. The agreement is for the Van Buren Public Schools District to contribute \$90,000 towards the Wayne County Local Roads Initiative project to pave McBride Rd. The funds shall be deposited on or before the Township authorizes preliminary engineering, shall be returned to the district if the project is not completed, and will not be enforced until after the Township has finalized the creation of the Special Assessment District.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-12 to declare the Township's intent to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the McBride Road Improvement District and schedule the necessary public hearings. Motion Carried. The purpose of the SAD is to raise the funds for the required

20% match of the Wayne County funds. The Township received petitions indicating over 51% of property owners supported paving McBride. All costs will be assessed against the properties benefitted by the paving. Wayne County will reimburse 80% of the construction costs.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements included: Eight Hundred tires were turned in during the free tire disposal day at the Township Hall on June 3, 2017, Supervisor McNamara thanked Township employees Jonathan Cochenour, Jennifer Price and Noah Caincross for their assistance with this highly successful event, the next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Henry Ford College, 5101 Evergreen Rd., Dearborn and Sovereign Partners LLC has expressed an interest in constructing a new facility at the Grace Lake Corporate Center.

**NON-AGENDA:** Resident requested the Township establish a committee to study the best use of the Museum and adjacent old fire station garage and further expressed a desire for the Township to create a cultural plan. Trustee Miller announced that she recently attended Senator Hopgood’s Environmental Town Hall Meeting with Trustee Frazier where discussion occurred on Brenda’s butterfly habitat in Westland, Trustee Miller expressed a desire to have the Township consider milkweed planting to attract the Monarch Butterfly. Deputy Director Best indicated that the Township requires landscaping around Stormwater detention ponds that attract pollinators. Trustee Martin thanked the Museum Director, Cable Department and Township staff for their efforts in preparing Museum for the Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved, Budd seconded to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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