

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee Miller and Trustee McClanahan. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Clair, Attorney Vinson, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers and an audience of four (4).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion on the appointment of Leonard Armstrong to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2019. Family health issues that affected attendance at meetings in the past have been resolved and Mr. Armstrong is committed to serving on the committee.

Discussion on the re-appointment of Harlan Davenport to the Construction Code of Appeals Board with a term to expire 2-28-2017. Mr. Davenport is President of Davenport Construction. The Construction Board of Appeals only meets when the need arises.

Discussion on Resolution 2015-36 to defer the review of applications pertaining to Medical Marijuana establishments. Continuation of the deferral allows the subcommittee to finalize their analysis and bring a recommendation to the Board. Should an ordinance need to be created or revised the deferral also allows adequate time for preparation, processing and public notification. Current legislation appears stalled necessitating the need for municipalities to address this issue on a local level.

Supervisor Combs spoke on audience comments during the non-agenda portion of the Board of Trustees meeting. She indicated Cindy Davis from the Michigan Township Association, in a telephone conversation, advised her that any and all comments were appropriate. The Board of Trustees meeting conduct policy, as amended, (Resolution 2013-05), and reviewed by Township counsel , indicates “comments by the public may include one’s name and address (preferred, but not required) or township residency, and be germane to Township business, meaning topics over which the Township Board has authority and which involves Township matters or Township services”. Due to the conflict further clarification will be sought.

Trustee McClanahan requested an update on the Cobblestone Ridge subdivision. Director Akers stated that documentation of issues that remain unresolved will occur on September 15, 2015 and the Township will move forward with enforcement including securing of any unsecured areas.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comments included: Appreciation of the Boards intervention and vigilance in working towards a resolution of the issues associated with the Cobblestone Ridge subdivision and requested Board members involvement in the future growth and development of the Belleville Area District Library.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion, Jahr moved, Miller seconded to adjourn to Closed Session at 4:45 p.m. to discuss: attorney client written communication regarding litigation case #13-14497 and ongoing Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) contract negotiations. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, McClanahan and Miller. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

1. To discuss attorney client written communication regarding litigation case #13-14497
2. To discuss ongoing Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Study Session was reconvened at 6:11 p.m. There being no further discussion Jahr moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:12 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.