

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, Lt. Bazy, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer and an audience of twelve (12).

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

CONSENT AGENDA: White moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as revised [Work Study Session minutes of October 16, 2017, Closed Session minutes of October 16, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of October 17, 2017, Special Board Meeting minutes of November 13, 2017, Closed Session minutes of November 13, 2017, Prepaid List of October 19, 2017, Prepaid List of October 26, 2017, Prepaid List of November 2, 2017, Prepaid List of November 9, 2017, Prepaid List of November 16, 2017, Voucher List of November 7, 2017, Voucher List of November 21, 2017, Approval of the 2017 amended and 2018 proposed water and sewer budget, Approval of the Great Lakes Fireworks LLC commercial fireworks display permit application to set off fireworks on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from the (closed) Denton Bridge, Acknowledge the resignation of Robert Bechtel and approve the appointment of Joyce Rochowiak to the DDA with a term to expire March 9, 2018, Approval of the appointment of Jeff Jahr Jr. to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2018, Approval of the reappointments of Medina Atchinson and Bryon Kelley to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2020, Approval of the reappointment of Kess Emekpe to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2020, Approval of the appointment of Benjamin Ross to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2018.]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

Trustees Frazier and Martin each read a brief narrative containing background information on the candidates appointed and re-appointed to committees and commission.

Trustee Frazier requested clarification on the work study minutes of October 15, 2017 as they pertained to the purchase of the F150 extended cab for the Building Official. Supervisor McNamara clarified that several Board members had changed their minds from the Work Study session to the Board meeting as it pertained to the purchase of a regular cab or an extended cab.

CORRESPONDENCE: Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce representatives presented a check in the amount of \$1,123.83 to the Township, a portion of the proceeds from the golf outing. Supervisor McNamara, on behalf of the Board, donated the check back to the Chamber of Commerce to offset the costs of the fireworks display that will occur on December 2, 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the conveyance of parcels 83-039-99-0006-702, 83-039-99-0009-720 and 83-039-99-0009-722 from the Charter Township of Van Buren to the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority by quit claim deed. Right of way purchases for the installation of a sidewalks along Belleville Road were purchased beginning in 2011. The purchases were erroneously placed in the Township's name. Several Board members discussed displeasure on the sale of a right of way to the property owner on the NE corner of Tyler and Belleville Road. The property owner intends to develop the property into a Speedway gas station and the easement would allow for access from Belleville Rd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the amended and restated inter-local agreement for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation. Regional Director of Aerotropolis, Bob Luce provided an overview of Aerotropolis and highlighted nine revisions to the inter-local agreement which mainly focused on administrative changes. Under the agreement the Township Supervisor will be appointed on the Aerotropolis Board. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, White seconded to approve Resolution 2017-29 refinancing of 2006 CIP bonds by issuance of 2017 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. Bonds were sold to cover the cost of Fire Station One and Township Property for the water tower. The bonds will be paid off in 2022. By refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate the Township will realize a savings of approximately \$80,000.00. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (1) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 (Environmental) Article II (Nuisances), Division 3 (Blight Prevention) Section 42-79. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (2) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 (Environmental) Article II (Nuisances), Division 2 (Trailers & Vehicles) Section 42-55. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (3) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection), Article II (Fire Prevention Code) Section 46-32. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (4) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), Article IV (Offenses against Property), Division 2 (Trespass) Section 58-106. The amendment would allow a police officer, acting at the request of and on behalf of a property owner, to post and enforce no trespassing on behalf of the property owner. Motion Carried.

White moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (5) an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17 (2) as amended, by repealing the Zoning Ordinance text governing medical marihuana Cultivation Facilities. As part of the opt- Out process, sections of the zoning ordinance regarding medical marihuana must be amended. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (6) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 58, Article VI, Division 5, Section 58-299 to provide for repeal regulations governing Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities. Van Buren Township is opting-out of PA 281 of 2016. This resolution states the Township's intention of declining the adoption of an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-27 extension of the moratorium to defer the review of applications pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities from December 20, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The extension is necessary to complete the opt-out process. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-28 opt-out of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. This resolution states the Township’s intention of declining the adoption of an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (7) an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17 (2) as amended, to amend the regulations regarding detention Pond Location and Setbacks for Off-Street parking and loading areas, access drives and paved surfaces accessory to a distribution center. The amendment reflects a change of 80 to 60 feet from a residential district and permits a stormwater basin and related landscaping to be located in any zoning district and are not required to be in the same zoning district as the site from which it receives water. Motion Carried.

White moved, Budd seconded to approve the distribution of the future land use map amendment for the Harold Smith Farm at 50015 Michigan Ave to our adjacent communities for the required 42-day review and comment period. Amendment is to re-zone the parcel to light industrial. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The following announcements were made: Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows applications for 2017 Christmas assistance ends December 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.; Goodfellows applications are available on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org and at the Township Police Department. For more information contact Pam Fleming at 734-699-8934 (9 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.); the Township Administrative offices will be closed November 23, 2017 and November 24, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving; all addresses within Van Buren Charter Township are in the process of being changed by the U.S. Postal Services, addresses will be identified as being in Van Buren Township as opposed to Belleville. The Secretary of States office will change driver’s licenses, at no charge, to reflect the correct address.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: White moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____