

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JULY 21, 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 Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Consultant Sloan, Executive Assistant Clair, Public Safety Director Laurain, Public Safety Deputy Directors Wright and Besson and an audience of twelve (12).

Supervisor Combs requested to postpone Consent Agenda item #9 [the reappointment of Leonard Armstrong to the Local Development Finance Authority with term to expire August 12, 2019] and Trustee Miller requested to move Consent Agenda item #9 [the appointment of Danylo Dobriansky to the Local Development Finance Authority with term to expire August 12, 2019] to New Business item #2.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. [Work Study Session Minutes of July 6, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2015; Prepaid List of July 10, 2015; Prepaid List of July 16, 2015; Voucher List of July 21, 2015; Resolution 2015-29 the 2015 Tax Rate Request; Resolution 2015-27 the amended Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority (YCUA) Wastewater Agreement and Resolution 2015-30 affirming approval of the Senior Alliance 2016 Annual Implementation Plan for Aging Services] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a letter to Public Safety Director Laurain from Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman praising the efforts of the Department and Sergeant Shultz for their assistance in apprehension of a man wanted for assault. Executive Assistant Clair read a Notice of Public hearing from the State of Michigan regarding the application received by Wolverine Pipeline to install a 16 inch pipeline between the existing Freedom Station in Washtenaw County, through Van Buren Township, to the existing Detroit Metro Station in Wayne County. The hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Michigan Public Service Commission, 7109 W. Saginaw Hwy., Lansing, Michigan. Information will be posted on the Township website. Wayne County Commissioner Al Hadius presented, on behalf of Wayne County, a proclamation to Shaylett Stuckey 2015 winner of the Mrs. Michigan America contest and Public Safety Director Laurain for his years of service and dedication to the residents of Van Buren Township. Formal request to the Board by Trustee Jahr to install a sign recognizing Van Buren Township as home of Shaylett Stuckey 2015 Mrs. Michigan America.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented on statistics regarding median income, population, public safety millage in other communities, the Van Buren Fire Department projected 2016 budget, comment made during an LDFA meeting, failure of a public safety millage in other communities and opposition to the proposed Van Buren Township public safety millage question to appear on the November 2016 ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Special Land Use request by Tim Donut U.S. Limited Inc., for a Tim Hortons Drive through Restaurant at 2141 Rawsonville Rd. The drive-through menu board would be relocated to allow for improved traffic flow. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2015-31 Ballot Question Proposal-Public Safety Millage. The millage question will appear on the November 3, 2015 ballot and is a request for 6.5 mils, for seven years, to replace the millage that expires December 31, 2016. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr and Miller. Nays: McClanahan. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Combs read a statement regarding the rationale for proposed ballot language.

Trustee McClanahan read a statement regarding the results of a survey done by EPIC-MRA on behalf of Van Buren Public Schools regarding the May 5, 2015 sinking fund millage that did not pass.

Jahr moved, Hart seconded to approve the appointment to Danylo Dobriansky to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2019. Motion Carried. A representative from Wayne County is still needed on the LDFA board. Committee and Commission members and term expirations will be placed on the website.

REPORTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The due date for the Summer Tax bills has been extended, without penalty, until September 30,2015; the passing of long time Election Precinct Inspector and September Day’s volunteer Hope Derr; the Dan Rafferty Band, as part of the summer concert series, will be performing at Van Buren Park Wednesday July 23, 2015; “Miles for Medics” fundraiser for Timothy Graves (Belleville Fire Fighter who went missing and passed away) Sunday July 26, 2015, noon until 6:00 p.m. at the Willow Run Airport and the Community Assistance Program (C.A.P.) will host a pancake breakfast, for a small donation, from 8 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. behind the Museum during the City of Belleville Art Festival Sunday July 25, 2015. Proceeds to help the tri community children in need of eyeglasses and medications.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Residents presented the Board with information received from Country Walk III Homeowners Association; questioned the validity of the home owners association; questioned why the survey, in report read by Trustee McClanahan, only included Van Buren residents when the Van Buren School District encompasses several communities; spoke on the need to educate residents about recycling, requested the Board to work on a plan “B” if the Public Safety millage did not pass, questioned why the DDA purchased a home on Belleville Rd. and asked for consideration of a cat ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Jahr moved, Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Date: _____.