

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 19, 2014**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Late: Trustee Hart, Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Executive Assistant LaMothe, Assessing Coordinator Linda Stevenson, Public Safety Director Laurain, Fire Chief Besson, Secretary Montgomery and an audience of eleven (11).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** McClanahan moved, Miller seconded to amend the agenda to move Correspondence after Approval of the Consent Agenda. Carried

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda Work Study Session Minutes July 14, 2014; Closed Session Minutes July 14, 2014; Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 15, 2014; Work Study Minutes July 28, 2014; Closed Session Minutes of July 28, 2014; Voucher List of August 5, 2014 and Voucher List of August 19, 2014 as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Brent Mikulski, President of the Van Buren Public Schools Board, gave a brief presentation focusing on improvements and achievements of Van Buren Public Schools in the past year and highlighted goals for the coming school year. He invited the Board and public to Open Houses that will be occurring at all schools and the Back to School Blitz at Trinity Church. Fire Chief Besson announced the successful completion of probation by the following firefighters: Bronson Campbell, Greg Kowalski and Stephen Jones and the successful completion of a probationary period for Lieutenant Doug Doty.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Jahr moved, Budd seconded to open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for NEAPCO Drivelines, LLC. Carried. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson presented an overview of the Industrial Facilities Exemption application which is on personal property only. Stevenson shared that a thorough review had occurred with the applicant at a prior Work Study session and that all questions and concerns were addressed. All taxing authorities were noticed via certified mail and public notices placed in our paper of record. She received no objections. Trustee Jahr shared that since the work study session State Proposal 14-1 passed and that the petitioner is requesting a 50% abatement of the tax that under the proposal is being phased out. There being no further discussion or public comment a motion was made by Budd supported by Hart to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve an Industrial Facilities Exemption for NEAPCO Drivelines, LLC. Carried.

**REPORTS:** May 2014 and June 2014 Budgetary Reports were received and filed as presented. Reports are available for review at the Clerk's Office.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Van Buren Public Safety Day Saturday August 23, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. located at 10276 Belleville Rd. in the north lot adjacent to Walgreens. Family fun activities and refreshments will be provided. Free Bike Helmets with coupon on a first come basis to children ages 14

and younger. The final Antiques Appraisal Day this year will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Appraisals by Doug Dalton. \$10 includes admission and first appraisal item. Additional items \$5, with a limit of four.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** Resident commended Ordinance Officer Schuler for addressing his questions/concern regarding the sign ordinance as it pertains to political signs and expressed concern regarding the intake of radioactive waste at the Wayne Disposal Landfill. In 2013 Township representatives were assured by Wayne Disposal Inc., Director of Operations Kerry Durnen, that disposal of these materials is in full compliance with all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth by the MDEQ and the EPA. Supervisor Combs will contact Wayne Disposal to have a representative attend a Board Meeting or Special Meeting to address any public concern. Trustee McClanahan thanked Ordinance Officer Schuler and Public Safety Sargent Papin for their professionalism and support provided to a senior couple in our community who were experiencing some difficulties.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Hart moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_.