

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2016**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Hart, Trustee Jahr, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers, Developmental Services Deputy Director Best, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Clair, and an audience of thirteen (13).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Jahr moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs read a note thanking the Public Safety Department for keeping us safe and a letter thanking the Public Safety Department for cleaning up materials dumped on Morton Taylor Rd.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented on the following: Request for a Public Safety millage renewal in the amount of 4 mils only; request to provide the tax payers options on the millage ballot question language; asked if a graduated tax had been considered, support for a 4 mil renewal ; support for 6.5 mils, request for clarification on the purpose of a Public Safety millage increase, the need to provide adequate funding for Public Safety, the need to provide funding for services beyond Public Safety and the posting date of the special meeting notice.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2016-10 Public Safety Millage Proposal ballot language. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr, Miller. Nays: McClanahan. Motion Carried. The approved language request for 6.5 mils for Public Safety, for seven (7) years will appear on the November 8, 2016 General Election ballot. The funds, if approved, would be dedicated to Public Safety, a committee has been formed to educate the public on the millage. Board members expressed the need to more closely fund the Public Safety budget to maintain the current level of services because the current 4 mils only funds approximately half of the annual budget. Trustee McClanahan read a statement expressing her desire to delay a millage proposal until further discussion and collaboration with the residents occurs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

NON AGENDA: Comments included: Lack of control over spending; proposed 2.1 million renovation project proposed by the DDA for property located on Belleville Rd, lack of Board approval for DDA projects, DDA issuance of bonds vs. projected DDA expenses, establishing budget hearing dates and the need for updates and corrections to the dashboard on the Township website.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved, Wright seconded to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Linda Combs, Supervisor

Date: _____.