

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Jahr and Trustee Hart. Late Arrival: Trustee Miller (4:05 p.m.) Absent/Excused: Trustee McClanahan. Others in Attendance Secretary Montgomery, DDA Director Ireland, Director of Planning and Economic Development Akers, Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development Best, Public Services Director Taylor and an audience of three (3).

Supervisor Combs removed New Business Item # 4 from the agenda: Discussion on request by Kassem Allie to transfer the property located at 51352 Old Michigan Ave back to him after losing it in a tax foreclosure. In return for the transfer he is proposing to allow the Township to keep the portion of the property we acquired which was split by the Township in early 2015.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the re-appointment of Chuck Covington to the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) with a term to expire August 12, 2020.

Discussion on the re-appointment of David Brownlee to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2019.

Discussion on the reappointment of Anthony Gibson to the Environmental Commission, term expiring October 1, 2019.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** LDFA member questioned his term expiration indicating terms are defined under the statute as four years. Resident questioned the process utilized for determining the vendor for the purchase of trucks after specifications were changed. Board members requested the purchase go out for re-bid if specifications changed.

Clerk Wright commented on the need to market Van Buren Township and encourage local business owners to change all marketing to indicate their location as Van Buren Township as opposed to Belleville.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Jahr, seconded by Hart to adjourn to Closed Session at 4:29 p.m. Roll call vote: Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, Jahr and Miller. Absent/Excused: McClanahan. Motion Carried

**CLOSED SESSION:** To discuss settlement of Wolverine Pipe Line Company v. VBT, et. al., Wayne County Circuit Court Case No. 16-008131-CC.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Hart, seconded by Budd to reconvene the Work Study Session at 4:47 p.m. Motion Carried. There being no further discussion Hart moved, Budd seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 4:48 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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

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Linda Combs, Supervisor

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