

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 4, 2017**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright and (Fire) Brow, Human Resource Director Sumpster, Fire Marshall McInally, Deputy Director Bellingham and an audience of eleven (11).

Supervisor McNamara requested the removal of New Business item #5 [Discussion on the 1st amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and the City of Belleville for Emergency Dispatch and Lockup Services] and #6 [Discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement between Van Buren Charter Township and the City of Belleville for Fire Protection and Medical Response Services] explaining the items have been delayed for approval by the City of Belleville.

PRESENTATION: Presentation by Waste Management on the 5th Amendment to the Van Buren Township-Waste Management Host Community Agreement. Waste Management Operations Director, John Myers, provided a brief history of the landfill and highlighted changes in the 5th amendment. Established in 1990, it is anticipated that the current landfill will reach capacity in 2025 and will close. Waste Management is proposing to expand the landfill into the Woodlands Golf Course, south of the existing facility, extending the capacity out to 2056. Currently the Township receives approximately 5 million annually from landfill tipping fees and grants. Changes to the current agreement include: expansion to the south, tipping fee increases at 2% annually, tax capture on landfill use of expansion area, 350K landscape buffer fund, \$8 million one-time payment, 20K Senior services grant annually, \$5K Service center grant annually, \$1 million liability insurance, closure of golf course with lease of clubhouse to the Township for \$1.00 a year until 2040, golf escrow account funds estimated at \$315K, housing reimbursement at 150% of market value to 5 property owners, rescind deed restrictions, \$250K public improvement grant annually, elimination of free curbside pick-up five years after approval and competitive rates to continue curbside pick-up service.

Presentation by Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Best. Deputy Director Best provided a fact-based analysis to the Board that included a summary value under 5th amendment, cost analysis for household waste, recycling, and yard waste pick up without the 5th amendment, projected Township revenue analysis with and without the 5th amendment, projected annual host fees anticipated under the 5th amendment, history of each amendment to the Host Community Agreement since its inception, and an assessment of the positive impact of the Township's Standard and Poors rating under the 5th amendment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Resolution 2017-33 the 5th Amendment to the Van Buren Township-Waste Management Host Community Agreement. Board members discussed the changes under the 5th amendment, the

impact to the budget when the existing landfill reaches capacity, odor mitigation, and options available to lessen the financial impact to households for curbside pick-up in the future.

Discussion on Resolution 2017-30 the Annual Wayne County Maintenance Permit A-18045. There is no cost for the required permit that allows the Township to perform maintenance in the Wayne County right-of-way.

Discussion on Resolution 2017-31 the Annual Wayne County Special Events Permit A-18086. There is no cost for the required permit that allows the Township to conduct special events in the Wayne County right-of-way.

Discussion on Resolution 2017-32 the Annual Wayne County Pavement Restoration Permit A-18100. There is no cost for the required permit that allows the Township to perform pavement restoration in the Wayne County Right-of-Way.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident commented on notification to the public regarding the 5th amendment to the host community agreement, source or odor emission from landfills, and projected cost of curbside pick up to residents.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Budd, seconded by White to adjourn the Work Study Session for the purpose of closed session at 6:03 p.m. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller, and White. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: The Township Board will go into closed session to discuss on-going Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) contract negotiations.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to reconvene the Work Study Session at 6:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion Frazier moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:36 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.