

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
WORK STUDY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Sheldon Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Recreation Director Wright, Public Services Director Best, DDA Director Ireland, Executive Assistant Selman, Cable Director McCracken, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, Public Safety Deputy Director (Police) Wright, Public Safety Director Laurain, Attorney Young and an audience of two (2).

Supervisor McNamara requested the removal of New Business item #2 [Discussion on the selection of Johnson Controls Inc, Controls/Tyco Integrated Security to provide a new security card access system for Township buildings] and the addition of New Business item #5 Discussion on the request by Public Safety to purchase a Ford Police Truck in lieu of a Ford Police Explorer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the reappointments of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Tammy Wall, Daniel Belanger, Todd O'Neill and Denise Willoughby to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2019. Members have expressed their desire to continue serving on the committee.

Update on the Iron Belle Trail project. When completed the Iron Belle Trail will be the longest state trail in the nation connecting Belle Isle in Detroit to Iron Wood in the Upper Peninsula. It will consist of 1,221 miles of hiking trail (72% completed) and 798 miles of non-motorized trail (62% completed). The project incorporates a safe connection from Downtown Belleville to Lower Huron Metro Park and requires a 25% contribution of funding by the Township. Grants have been identified and will be applied for to cover the required 25% funding. A public informational meeting was held at Belleville High School on January 31, 2018 at which attendees identified route options and expressed pros and cons of each. Recreation Director Wright presented a PowerPoint presentation identifying five route options to the Board. Three of the options were discarded by the Board because they would require right of way access from the railroad which has informally been denied. The two remaining options will be further reviewed and presented to the Board at the first meeting in March for final consideration.

Discussion on the proposed Definitive Transfer Agreement for the Downriver Utilities Wastewater Authority (DUWA) communities. The agreement transfers wastewater treatment in its entirety from the Wayne County Downriver Wastewater Treatment Facility (DWTF) to the participating thirteen communities formally established under the Downriver Utilities Wastewater Authority. As a member of DUWA the Township is granted voting rights and will be an active participant in the decision-making process.

Discussion on the request by Public Safety to purchase a Ford Police Interceptor Truck in lieu of a Ford Police Explorer. The proposal presented is to purchase a Ford F-150 Police Interceptor replacing one of the budgeted Ford Explorers. The vehicle will be utilized to handle bulky equipment like scales used for the weigh master, hauling heavy range equipment, dive and radar equipment and the speed monitor trailer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Miller moved, White seconded to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 (e) to discuss trail and /or settlement strategy involved in the pending litigation, Anna Wambaugh V. Van Buren Township, Wayne

County Circuit Case No. 17-008615-NI. Roll call vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Absent/Excused: Budd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, White seconded to reconvene the Work Study Session at 6:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further discussion Frazier moved, White seconded to adjourn the Work Study Session at 6:04 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.