



VAN BUREN

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS ON ZOOM WITH OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., April 30, 2020- To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Van Buren Township residents; regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meetings will be conducted virtually (online and/or by phone) in compliance with the State of Michigan Governor's Executive Orders regarding remote public meetings. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 6 pm.

Residents can join the meeting and participate by video or phone using the web link or phone number provided in the agenda packet. To join a specific meeting using Zoom please visit the meetings agendas and minutes webpage and click the meeting you are interested in joining, using this link:

<https://vanburen-mi.org/meetings-agendas-and-minutes/board-of-trustees/>

Reminder, all agendas are posted to the website 18 hours before each meeting.

"We're excited to offer remote meetings, so the Township can conduct business from home. Our team has been working to make sure this experience is safe and reliable for residents and board members," said Clerk Leon Wright.

Want to view the Zoom Meeting without joining, no problem! Residents can watch the Board of Trustees meeting on YouTube, visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/mivanburentwp>.

Public comments to the Board will be available via three methods including:

1. "Raise hand" Users must click the hand icon in Zoom

2. Typing your comment into the "chat" function via videoconferencing in Zoom
3. Dialing in with your phone and speaking when prompted by the moderator.

Detailed instructions on virtual meeting participation, how to submit questions before a meeting, ADA information and more is located on the Van Buren Township website under the "How To Join A Zoom Meeting " at <https://vanburen-mi.org/> or by using this link: <https://vanburen-mi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/How-to-join-a-Zoom-Meeting-1.pdf>

"This is an innovative way to keep our community informed about what is going on in the Township and I'm appreciative of the employees we've hired who have been able to make this happened. Our biggest concern is keeping our staff and the residents safe during this time, said Treasurer Sharry Budd.

Persons may contact the Supervisor's office to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the Township Board. Email questions to communications@vanburen-mi.org or call 734.699.8910 and leave a message.

"This way of meeting is new to all of us, but we want residents to know we're working for them even though Township Hall is closed. I'm proud of the Board of Trustees for taking the necessary steps to get information to our community," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting an accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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