

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 2, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 94365847893 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Miller. Late arrival (6:13 p.m.) Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols a maximum audience of thirty-four (34).

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve the revised agenda adding new business item #1 Discussion of the Governor's recent Executive order with all remaining items following in order and combining both public comment periods into one following REPORTS on the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent: Trustee White. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2020, Prepaid List of May 7, 2020, Prepaid List of May 14, 2020, Prepaid List of May 21, 2020, Prepaid List of May 28, 2020, Voucher List of May 19, 2020, Voucher List of June 2, 2020.] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin and Miller. Absent: Trustee White. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Presentation of Belleville Rotary Club Student Scholarship Certificates to Joseph Budd, Haley Bellingham and Collin Attard. Supervisor McNamara indicated the French Landing Dam is regulated by FERC and information is not able to be FOIA'd as it falls under critical infrastructure. The Supervisor has requested a review of the dam by the Environmental Commission to determine the condition and may call upon Eagle Creek to provide a presentation regarding the dam. Safety of the French Landing Dam is the Township's number one priority. Trustee Miller has secured another grant in the amount of five (5) thousand dollars from Enbridge to provide food assistance to the community. The Township Communication Department, in conjunction with Belleville High School, have put together a video on the 2019 high school football team and how it brought the tri-community together. Airing of the video will occur at a future date yet to be determine. The DDA spotlight this month is Beirut Lapita offering Mediterranean cuisine. Absentee applications have been sent to voters on the Township's permanent absentee application list and the State of Michigan has begun to send applications to those not on the permanent absentee application voter list.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** Combined with Public Comment following REPORTS.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on the Governor's recent Executive Orders. The plan put in place is to open the Township on June 8, 2020 to employees and to residents by appointment only with a full opening, within the CDC guidelines, on June 15, 2020. Residents will be required to wear a mask when entering the building.

White moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 6-2-20 (1) to rezone parcel V-83-105-99-0035-000 (1043 Savage Rd) from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Martin seconded to approve the Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to approve the 10-year Ground Lease Agreement with The Habitat Company LLC, to lease parcel 83-077-99-0002-007, the northeast corner of Beckley and Denton Road for pickleball courts. The contract provides an option for up to four (4) additional years. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

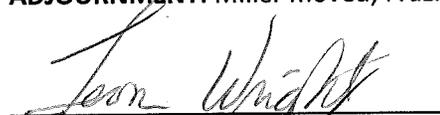
McNamara moved, Frazier seconded to approval the German Volunteer Service Program. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Frazier and White. Nays: Budd, Wright, Martin, and Miller. Motion Failed.

**REPORTS:** None.

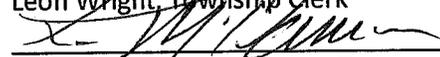
**PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Public commented on the following: Asked about how much each scholarship was for; thanked the board for letting the community know about available community resources; and clarified that the scholarship recipients were chosen by the Rotary Club Board. Clerk Wright reminded everyone to remain vigilant and follow the CDC guidelines in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic and to keep an open dialogue in regards to race relations.

**BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Board members

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried.



Leon Wright, Township Clerk



Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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