

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM**

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 92555456319 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Recreation Director Wright, Planning and Economic Development Director Powers, Public Services Director Best, Water and Sewer Director Taylor, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and a maximum audience of forty-four (44).

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the Consent Agenda [Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2020, Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 6, 2020, Prepaid List of July 23, 2020, Prepaid List of July 30, 2020., Prepaid List of August 4, 2020 (Election Inspectors), Prepaid List of August 6, 2020, Prepaid List of August 13, 2020, Voucher List of August 4, 2020, Voucher List of August 18, 2020, Resolution 2020-10 the 2020 Tax Rate Request] Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Correspondence included a letter from a resident thanking the R.E.A.L. Summer youth program participants who did yard work for her and a letter from Community Publications commending the Township on their “shout out to small businesses” monthly article they intend to utilize this format in other community publications. Ballots for the November 3rd general election will be arriving at the Clerk’s Office on September 19, 2020 and staff will begin processing the over 7,595 requests currently received with a target mailing date of September 25, 2020, Voters who already requested a ballot are encouraged to on the lookout for their ballot in their mail the week of September 28th, there is still confusion about the permanent absentee list. This list is an application list only, the law does not allow ballots to be sent automatically, voters must request a ballot by completing and returning an application indicating which election you wish to receive a ballot for, the U.S. postal service has indicated you should mail in your ballot at least 14 days before Election Day November 3, 2020 to ensure it arrives on time, voters are encouraged to use the drop box located in front of Township Hall at 4,6425 Tyler Rd when submitting both ballot applications and voted ballots and you can track your application and ballot at: Michigan.gov/vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Resident expressed concern over water issues that he feels should be resolved prior to construction of a facility on Tyler Rd. at Morton Taylor. Representative from U.S. Representative Debbie Dingell’s office expressed interest in the special land use request appearing on the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2020-12 and the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and Van Buren Township for Improvements to French Landing Park. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Budd moved; Frazier seconded to approve a Special Land Use request by Van Buren Investors Land Holdings LLC to construct a senior housing development with assisted living and memory care units. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Martin moved; Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2020-15 GLWA Concurring resolution of the IPP rules. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Zoom participant read a letter sent to the Board requesting their support and assistance with the Egypt Covington murder case, requested the resignation of Clerk Wright in response to an email comment, indicated a rally would be held on August 19, 2020 in support of the resignation of Clerk Wright. Board members expressed their desire to have a resolution in the case, support for the friends and family of Egypt Covington and indicated the case is on-going and the file has been provided to the Michigan State Police for their review and assistance. In a statement he read, Clerk Wright expressed his sincere apology to the friends and family of Egypt Covington for an email comment he made vowing to do better in communications going forward. He further stated he supports all efforts in finding justice for Egypt.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: _____.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: _____.