

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JANUARY 15, 2019 BOARD MEETING 6:30 P.M.  
MEETING MINUTES

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Miller, Trustee Martin and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Executive Assistant Selman, Parks and Recreation Account Clerk Price, Cable Director McCracken, DPW Service Worker Esch, Attorney Bartos and an audience of twelve (12).

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Martin moved, Wright seconded to go into closed session at 6:37 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) for strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Budd, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to reconvene the Board Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve the consent agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of December 17, 2018, Board Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2018, Prepaid List of December 20, 2018, Prepaid List of January 10, 2019, Voucher List of January 8, 2019, Approval of the re-appointment of Ronald Merritt to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2021. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to move the following items to New Business: Approval to amend the 2019 Budget to reallocate \$367, 899 from the Equipment Replacement Saving (101-000-389-004) into Capital Outlay (101-336-970-000) to purchase the Board approved 2018 Spartan Fire engine and Approval of the AFSCME contract for January 1, 2019-December 31, 2022. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** A moment of silence was held in honor of the passing of retired Van Buren Township Police Secretary Jean Johnson; Van Buren Public Schools held a Do it For Daniel Night to bring awareness to suicide and mental health struggles in our community's youth; Sharon Peters thanked the board for their generous donation to the Belleville Area District Library, she also invited the public to come to a beam signing on Saturday, January 26 at 11:30 a.m.; Wayne County Prosecutor Kim Worthy visited the township to discuss Van Buren Township's involvement in her initiative to keep children safe from gun violence called Project Child Safe; the Van Buren Township Police Department is giving away free gun locks to residents with proof of registration; Prosecutor Worthy also warned Van Buren Police to be on the lookout for pawn shops encouraging the theft of certain items from big box retail stores for pawning purposes; the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Monday, January 21 in observance of Martin Luther King Day; the 4-H is hosting a Wild Game Dinner this Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds; the Recreation Department is hosting their annual Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 15 and Saturday, February 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Environmental Commission appointee Ronald Merritt thanked the board for the opportunity to serve on the commission for another term; and Mary Talaga was awarded a proclamation to recognize her 57 years of service as a crossing guard for Van Buren Township Public Schools.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve to amend the 2019 Budget to reallocate \$367,899 from the Equipment Replacement Saving (101-000-389-004) into Capital Outlay (101-336-970-00) to purchase the Board approved 2018 Spartan Fire Engine. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the AFSCME Contract for January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2022. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Martin and Frazier. Nays: Miller and White. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** The October 2018 and November 2018 Budgetary Reports were received. A copy is available for review at the Clerk's Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

**PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENTS NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Robert's Rules of Order as the Board utilizes them were discussed; Radon testing kits are available at Wayne County Department of Health at 33030 Van Board Road, Wayne, MI 48184 for free during the month of January; Executive Assistant Dan Selman was recognized and thanked for his dedication to his role in the Supervisor's office; and a request was made to add an agenda item to cancel the Work Study and Board Meeting on April 1-2 so the Board can attend the MTA conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Date: \_\_\_\_\_.