
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

April 11, 2019 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Johnson called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Rande Johnson, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipcic; Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee;

4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2019 AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the April 11, 2019 agenda.

ROLL CALL:

Johnson-yes; Feraco-yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman-yes;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2019 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 14, 2019 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

Feraco -yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman -yes; Johnson-yes;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused Motion carried.

6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Johnson informed residents that the Road Department is going to crack seal roads and started in the far western edge of the township, moving eastward. The township will begin working on a new Police contract; the current contract ends June 30, 2019.

7. CITIZENS TIME – agenda items only

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. COMMUNICATIONS – ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- *Draft March 14, 2019 Minutes
- *Check Register
- *BCPD Activity Reports
- *BCPD Distracted driving city ordinance (reference only)
- *Spring Clean Up flyer

10. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 04/11/19/17

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$239,124.71.

ROLL CALL:

Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused Motion carried.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Hopkins, reported several accidents in the township and reminded residents the importance of keeping homes and vehicles locked.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported on activities in the township. Captain Woodward talked about a Knox box that would allow firefighters an easier access to your home or business should you be away.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Supervisor Johnson mentioned that the cemetery is going through spring cleaning in preparation for Memorial Day.

(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL – Trustee Shaw reported that permits have picked up, but we are still waiting for the weather to fully break.

(E) BLIGHT OFFICER – Bill Scutt reported on blight complaints, including a horse that was being kept inside a home, and advised residents if they have any complaints to get ahold of him.

(F) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION – Trustee Cipcic, liaison to the Planning Commission, said that meetings are being changed to the fourth Tuesday of the month to begin work with a planning consultant on revision to the Master Plan.

(G) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie spoke about road department activities and touched on reports received on equalization and budget oversight.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 04/11/19/18

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the additional administrative duties as assigned by Supervisor Johnson to Trustee Shaw.

ROLL CALL:

Cipcic-yes; Shaw-abstain; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;
6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 excused Motion carried.

RES. 04/11/19/19

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the conditional use permit for 22555 N. Bedford Road, to be converted to a medical marihuana provisioning center.

ROLL CALL:

Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco-yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes;
6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstained Motion carried.

13. CITIZENS TIME

Residents expressed their desire to get recycling back and suggested a citizens group could help with the process. A resident shared his knowledge of asphalt mix, in an effort to improve the product being used.

14. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson invited everyone to the annual upcoming pancake breakfast on May 18, 2019.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm, by unanimous voice vote.

Next Board meeting is May 9, 2019 at 7:00pm.

RANDOLPH JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK