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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

April 12, 2018 – 7:00 pm

## MINUTES

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Heikkila called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:07pm.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. A prayer was said.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Adam Heikkila, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipic, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Randolph Johnson, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 8, 2018 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 8, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

**ROLL CALL:** Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS**

Supervisor Heikkila introduced Township Attorney John MacFarlane. Attorney MacFarlane explained that he was there to insure that we were following the proper rules of engagement during the board meeting. Supervisor Heikkila stressed his desire for positivity among all residents, board members included.

### **6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

The Battle Creek Public Schools Board member was not available to attend the board meeting. Information can be obtained from the school district in regards to the proposed Operating Millage Renewal Proposal on the May 8, 2018 ballot.

### **7. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

- \* Draft March 8, 2018 Minutes
- \* Check Register
- \* Quarterly Treasurers Report

## **8. REPORTS**

### **{A} FINANCE**

#### **RES. 04/12/18/25**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$108,908.67.

**ROLL CALL:** Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Battle Creek Police Department; North Side Supervisor Wolman was available for questions. He reviewed the activity reports with the Board and residents. He took requests for where to place the flashing speed limit sign. Several streets were requested: Custer, Uldriks, Newburn and Waubascon. The Post Office offers a service to track packages and mail delivery, it was suggested that you visit the website for more information.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger gave a summary of the fires and accidents that the department responded to. Chief stressed the high cost of running the department and also being able to offer assistance to all of the residents in need. His focus is on the safety of his firefighters.

### **(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS – no updates were available**

**(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL-** Mark Hires gave an update on the status of the Dollar General Store, they have submitted a new site plan; and approval is pending. Tri State has purchased the property on the corner of West Michigan and Collier, they are preparing to clean up the lot. There is anticipation for the weather to change, usually that is when residents start requesting permits for various building projects.

**(E) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION-** Barry Beamish, encouraged all to attend the Planning Commission meetings. The next one will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30pm at the township hall.

**(F) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS –** County Commissioner Steve Frisbie reported that changes have been made, and we should see more road work. The process of competitive bidding has enabled the county to increase the amount of road work that is predicted to be completed this summer. An interview committee has been selected for the hiring of the Managing Director for the road department.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RES. 04/12/18/26**

**Original Ordinance No. 06/09/05/19**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve an ordinance to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare within the Charter Township of Bedford by regulating the keeping and treatment of animals and to prescribe penalties for violation of this ordinance; to repeal ordinances inconsistent herewith; and to otherwise protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

**ROLL CALL:** Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. 04/12/18/27**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the renewal of the Video Service Local Franchise Agreement for AT&T Michigan.

**ROLL CALL:** Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**RES. 04/12/18/28**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the rezoning request by Chaz Wilkey to rezone/allow conditional use for construction of home on industrial zoned property located at 1350 W. River Road. Property has been family owned for generations.

**ROLL CALL:** Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**RES. 04/12/18/29**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the rezoning request by Gloria Davis to rezone property at 1153 Kirby to AG-Agricultural to allow for keeping of a four (4) generation farm for agricultural use.

**ROLL CALL:** Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**RES. 04/12/18/30**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to proclaim May 2018 as **Older Americans Month**; declare May 16, 2018 as **Older Michiganians Day** to be celebrated with a rally of older adults and advocates at the Capitol Building in Lansing; and designate May 17, 2018 as **Calhoun County Centenarians' Day** where all Calhoun County residents age 99 and over will be recognized in a luncheon celebration at Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall.

**ROLL CALL:** Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**10. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Gibson requested status information about the financing for the fire equipment.

**11. CITIZENS TIME**

Several residents had comments regarding the recall effort for Supervisor Heikkila, both pro and con.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL**

Election reminder, Battle Creek Public Schools and Gull Lake Community Schools both have items on the May 8, 2018 ballot.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw  
Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting 8:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting is May 10, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK