
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

April 13, 2017 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Heikkila 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, 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.

7 members present. A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 9, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 9, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

Roll Call: Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 29, 2017 MINUTES – WORKSHOP

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 9, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila shared a list of items he is currently working on (generators, street lights, adding sewer lines to master plan and decreasing the energy use at the township hall and Station 3). Long term goal of expansion in the township.

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- *Draft March 2017 minutes
- *Check Register
- *Ordinance to Amend Sewer Rate Ordinance
- *Sewer Use Charges
- *Wastewater Rate Adder Report (Sewer Rates)
- *Ordinance for new Planning Commission language

9. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 04/13/17/18

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$34,689.01.

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ROLL CALL

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Barton, Battle Creek Police Department, gave an update on activities within the township. He spoke about the importance of having outdoor lighting and the role they can play in reducing crime.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger commented on the calls that the Fire Department has engaged in this month. He reminded everyone that they are hosting the Annual Pancake Breakfast on May 13th, 8am-noon.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 04/13/17/19

This resolution was not voted on and will be on the May 11, 2017 agenda.

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Ordinance to provide for the operation of the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System within Bedford Charter Township; to prescribe the rates to be charged for the use of said system; to provide for the mandatory connection to said system; to repeal all prior ordinances concerning the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System; and to otherwise protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

RES. 04/13/17/20

This resolution was not voted on and will be on the May 11, 2017 agenda.

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Rates for Bedford Charter Township as outlined in the attached schedule and which will be incorporated into the sanitary sewage disposal system ordinance described above.

RES. 04/13/17/21

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to Repeal Resolution 11/9/00/37 –Township Planning Commission. (Subsequently we will pass the new language as noted below.)

Roll Call:

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

RES. 04/13/17/22

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to meet current MCL 125.3811 guidelines in the powers and duties of the Charter Township of Bedford Planning Commission; to describe membership of the Planning Commission, terms of office and vacancies; to otherwise comply with 2008 PA 33 concerning the responsibilities of Planning Commissions; and to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

Roll Call:

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

RES. 04/13/17/23

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to accept the resignation of Ron Munster, as Blight Enforcement Officer.

Roll Call:

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

RES. 04/13/17/24

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to accept the recommendation of Larry Cochensparger, Fire Chief, to change reimbursement pay for schooling/training for new firefighters. Payment will be split evenly over three years, after satisfactory completion.

Roll Call:

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

12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson, Bedford Fire Commissioner is planning to schedule another committee meeting to talk with the department about future needs.

Trustee Johnson, Bedford Police Commissioner is working with Officer Barton to increase community participation. He wants to build on the current neighborhood watch program, encouraging neighbors to help other neighbors.

13. CITIZENS TIME

Many citizens had comments: Concern was expressed about the blight in the township, concern about the logging that will be happening, off of Robinwood, this summer and the potential impact on the new roads, a desire to bring back the Urbandale Parade and the residents on Linwood Avenue were following up on potential annexation into Bedford Township.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Next Board meeting is May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK

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