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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

August 10, 2017 - 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### **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- excused; 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 JULY 13, 2017 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 July 13, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

**Roll Call:** Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes;

7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Heikkila thanked residents for attending the Community Picnic, introduced the Neighborhood Watch program and invited all to get involved. He mentioned that often times it is difficult for emergency vehicles to find addresses, the green 911 Reflective address signs are now available for purchase (\$20) at the township offices, all proceeds will be donated to the Fire Department. A portion of a text of an email written to Major Grafton; Battle Creek Police Department, in reference to a resident complaint regarding a "shots fired" call, was read at the meeting. Supervisor Heikkila requested the text of an email be made part of the minutes. A copy of the text of an email was distributed to each board member. A reminder was made that Custer Road will close on August 14, 2017 for three weeks of road construction.

**6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – SILVER STAR**

Introduced an amendment to Ordinance Number 3/12/15/18, which provides for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed multiple family dwelling project for persons of low income to be financed or assisted pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE

AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 3/12/15/18

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A PROPOSED MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING PROJECT FOR PERSONS OF LOW INCOME TO BE FINANCED BY OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AS AMENDED.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD ORDAINS:

Ordinance Number 3/12/15/18 is hereby amended by striking SECTION 9. DURATION in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 9. DURATION

This ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as the Authority's Mortgage Loan remains outstanding and unpaid or the Authority has any interest in the property; or the Housing Development remains subject to income and rent restrictions pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that construction of the Housing Development commence within two years from the effective date of this ordinance.

Upon approval, the duration of the ordinance will be extended to September 10, 2019.

**7. COMMUNICATIONS -ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

- \*Draft July 13, 2017 Minutes
- \*Check Register
- \*Lifecare Response Time Report

**8. REPORTS**

**(A) FINANCE**

**RES. 08/10/17/42**

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 \$121,254.88.

**Roll Call:** Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes;

7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Officer Barton shared that the addition of the speed limit warning signs has produced positive results in lowering the speed. Trustee Johnson would like to see permanent signs in place.

He would like to have one placed on Morgan Road. There have been complaints about ATV's on Ardmoor, if anyone has information, please contact Officer Barton. Officer Barton will be leaving as the Bedford Officer, the new Officer for Bedford will be Officer Kidney.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger updated the Board and audience on the work the fire department has been involved with. There were several calls, 32 in 30 days. He expressed his concern over the cost of running the Fire Department and the shortage of department funds. One example was that to purchase an engine the cost would exceed \$600,000. The Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for October 14<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm. The October event is also a celebration for Chief Cochensparger to honor him for serving our community for 50 years.

**RES. 08/10/17/43**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Cochensparger to re-hire Martin Ffacek as an on-call Firefighter pending his physical examination and is subject to one (1) year probation.

**Roll Call:** Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;

7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Commissioner Frisbie was available for questions. Questions were raised about Waubascacon Road and the posted speed limits. He stated that a request was made for the engineering department to do a study. Trustee Johnson suggested rumble strips be installed.

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**10. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Gibson cautioned not to jump to conclusions, details with regard to the handout from Supervisor to BCPD needed to be discussed amongst the Board before responding.

Trustee Johnson noted that some of the issue may have been with the fact that dispatch is not local and that could have created some of the confusion, referencing the handout out to BCPD.

Trustee Shaw addressed the issue of perhaps having a truck ordinance, thereby protecting our roads.

**11. CITIZENS TIME**

A resident voiced concerned over the pace of Silver Star phase III (Veterans Home).

Tim Honeycutt, with Silver Star was available for questions, he also encouraged everyone to contact the Governor in support of funding for Veterans.

There is growing concern about the lack of action on the property at the corner of Collier and W. Michigan, residents are meeting with the Supervisor to address the situation.

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

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is September 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK