
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

August 11, 2016 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sprau 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

Tom Sprau, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Bill Woodward, Trustee; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee.

7 members present. Supervisor Sprau noted there was a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2016 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Woodward and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the July 14, 2016 minutes as submitted.

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;

7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. CITIZENS TIME

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 08/11/16/17

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$100,765.36.

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes;

7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

RES. 08/11/16/18

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Cochensparger to hire Allison Burke as an on-call Firefighter pending her physical examination and is subject to one (1) year probation.

Roll Call: Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

POLICE: Officer Hancock was available for questions.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger gave the statistics for the month and reminded us about the Spaghetti Dinner on October 15, 2016.

(C) **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

(D) **LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

9. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

10. **PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

RES. 08/11/16/19

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve this Resolution authorizing the Township Supervisor to join with the other Out-City Users, if necessary, in seeking judicial protection to ensure the ongoing provision of wastewater treatment services, including necessary maintenance services on all sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations located within the governmental jurisdiction of each Out-City User.

WHEREAS, the City of Battle Creek has indicated in a letter dated July 22, 2016, that effective September 1, 2016, it will no longer abide by the terms of the 1985 Intergovernmental Wastewater Service Contract, and

WHEREAS, the City has further stated that it will no longer provide necessary maintenance services on the Out-City Users sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations if a new intergovernmental wastewater agreement is not reached by September 1, 2016, and

WHEREAS, the parties are still in the midst of negotiations on the replacement contract and it is unlikely that a new agreement will be in place by the time of the City's unilaterally imposed September 1, 2016, deadline, and

WHEREAS, any interruption in the proper functioning of the wastewater treatment system, including proper maintenance of sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations, would threaten the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Bedford Township,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of Bedford Board hereby authorizes the Township Supervisor to join with the other Out-City Users in seeking judicial protection, if necessary, to ensure the ongoing provision of wastewater treatment services, including necessary maintenance services on all sanitary sewer lines, grinder pumps and grinder pump stations located within the governmental jurisdiction of each Out-City User consistent with the terms of the 1985 Intergovernmental Wastewater Service Contract while the parties finalize their negotiations.

Roll Call: Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes;
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

RES. 08/11/16/20

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Steinkraus Forest Management, LLC to do an improvement clean up on the township forest. Supervisor Sprau is requesting the 10% option, any revenue received would be put in the Road fund for bridge costs.

Roll Call: Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes,
7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

A citizen discussed three different methods to enable the changes to the ordinance with regards to chickens in the township.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Next Board meeting is September 8, 2016 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK