
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

August 9, 2018 – 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.

3. INVOCATION - none

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9, 2018 AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the August 9, 2018 agenda, as submitted.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 12, 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 July 12, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

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

7. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila spoke briefly about his desire to keep the township on the path of productivity.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - none

9. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

* Draft July 12, 2018 Minutes

* Check Register

{A) FINANCE

RES. 08/09/18/44

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$80,856.47.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Kidney is moving to day shift and will not be in the township in the afternoons. Residents are reminded to keep their homes and cars locked and watch for any suspicious activity. Thefts of lawn furniture and other items have been reported in broad daylight.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger thanked everyone for passing the fire millage and mentioned several equipment items that will need to be addressed. It was asked by a resident if we have a capital improvement plan.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Nothing to report

(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mark Hires spoke about permits being pulled for several decks, garages and pole barns. The West Point Party store will be sent back to the Planning Commission for a conditional use approval.

(E) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION

Nothing to report.

(F) BLIGHT AND CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Bill Scutt continues to reach out to residents on a complaint driven basis and is seeing significant compliance and improvement.

(G) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

12. CITIZENS TIME

Several residents had questions or comments regarding the PFAS contamination, to include testing of wells and if anyone is actively attending meetings and staying informed, condition of roads, kudos to election workers, embarrassment with the board, the length of the workweek, use of the website for updates and communication and the Farmers Market update.

13. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson thanked everyone for passing the fire millage, and spoke about the fact that the need for additional funding was mentioned repeatedly for the past several years.

Trustee Johnson addressed the resident's concerns about the fire millage, Roberts rules of order, the website, implied corruption and disappointment in the Board. He assured all that the Board has the best interest of the township in mind.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Clerk Feraco spoke about the counting of Absentee ballots and the way that they are processed.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting at 7:44pm.

Next Board meeting is September 13, 2018 at 7:00pm.

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK