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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

February 14, 2019 - 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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

Supervisor Johnson called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:03pm.

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

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. ROLL CALL**

Rande Johnson, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipic, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee;

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019 AGENDA**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the February 14, 2019 agenda.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **5. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 2019 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the January 10, 2019 minutes, as submitted.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

### **6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS**

Supervisor Johnson gave an overview of the ongoing projects in the township. He advised everyone that the recycling containers on the second weekend of each month have been discontinued. Problems with unauthorized materials and trash disposed of inside and left outside the containers precipitated this change. All Bedford residents will be eligible to use the C & C Landfill Recycling Center located at 14800 P Drive N. in Marshall at no charge. Residents need to stop by the township office to pick up a program card.

### **7. CITIZENS TIME – agenda items only**

### **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

none

### **9. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

\*Draft January 10, 2019 Minutes

\*Check Register

- \*BCPD Activity Reports
- \*Solar Energy proposed Ordinance
- \*Quarterly Cash and Investment Report

**10. REPORTS**

**{A) FINANCE**

**RES. 02/14/19/05**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$736,649.81.

**ROLL CALL:**

Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; 7 yes, 0 no, Motion carried.

**(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Battle Creek Police Officer Hopkins reported on activity in the township.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger commented on fire calls, activities, mutual aid and training in the township.

(C) **BUILDING AND GROUNDS** - The painting of the office is almost complete.

(D) **BUILDING OFFICIAL** – Mark Hires stated that there is not much going on; will pick up when the weather clears.

(E) **CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION** - Barry Beamish talked about the items on the agenda from the Planning Commission and urged the Boards support.

(F) **LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** – Commissioner Frisbie elaborated on the decision on the recycling bins and the problems that had been experienced. He was available for any questions that might be related to county business.

(G) **BLIGHT OFFICER** – Bill Scutt reported on the progress of open blight cases.

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

An ordinance to amend The Charter Township of Bedford zoning ordinance to implement regulations regarding solar energy systems was read in.

**RES. 02/14/19/06**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to enter into a contract with Consumers Energy Company of Jackson, Michigan, for furnishing lighting service within the Charter Township of Bedford for a period of one year and thereafter from year to year, in accordance with the terms of the contract heretofore submitted to and considered by this board. Resolved further that the Supervisor and the Clerk be and are authorized and directed to execute such contract on behalf of the Charter Township of Bedford.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RES. 02/14/19/07**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Supervisor Randolph Johnson as a representative of The Charter Township of Bedford to the A.M.S.A. Council, the alternate remains the same, Martin Uldriks.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RES. 02/14/19/08**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the conditional use permit for 2650 Peaceful Valley Road, A.J. Jones, to use barn as an event venue.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RES. 02/14/19/09**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the conditional use permit for 3004 W. Michigan Avenue, Rair Systems, to be converted to a medical marihuana provisioning center.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**RES. 02/14/19/10**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the conditional use permit for 110 Creekview Drive, Vlastic, to be converted to a medical marihuana provisioning center.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**13. CITIZENS TIME**

Questions were raised concerning the status of the roads and in reference in regard to the storage of recreational vehicles on commercial property.

**14. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Cipic talked about a presentation at the Planning Commission by Rebecca Harvey, a planning consultant and a proposal under consideration to hire her as a consultant to the Planning Commission.

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

Clerk Feraco clarified that the recycle cards are available in the Clerk's office and the Building and Zoning office.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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RANDOLPH JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK