
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

February 9, 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.

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. Supervisor Heikkila noted there was a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the January 12, 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.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 02/09/17/9

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Trustee Rande Johnson and Supervisor Adam Heikkila as representatives to the Technical Review Committee as outlined in the wastewater and sewer treatment agreement with the City of Battle Creek, the City of Springfield, and the townships of Pennfield, Emmett and Leroy.

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-no; Feraco –yes;
6 yes, 1 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A copy of The Charters Township Act was given to all Board members for informational purposes.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A Battle Creek resident brought information to the Board requesting that his property be annexed to the township and removed from the city.

9. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 02/09/17/10

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$474,665.69.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Kilbourn was able to give an overview of activity within Bedford Township. Residents were able to ask Battle Creek Police Department questions.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger gave updates on the calls that the department responded to. He had high praise for the quality of Firefighters on the Department.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie shared some of the changes at the county level, and shared some of his new assignments.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) Planning Commission appointments

Supervisor Heikkila posted an application to the website (BedfordCharterTwp.com) for residents that may be interested in serving on the Planning Commission Board. He plans to submit his choices to the board soon.

(B) Fire/ Police Committees

*Trustee Gibson handed information packets to board members, in reference to a study to determine what can be done at the existing Fire Station 1 site.

*Trustee Johnson reiterated that his position as Police Commissioner is a liaison only, to keep up with new/old programs, their community outreach initiatives and assist the department with promoting their best practices as it effects Bedford Charter Township.

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 02/09/17/11

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt a change to the payment of trustee pay to the second pay of each month rather than semi-annually. Payment will remain the same at \$225 per month and requires attendance at regularly scheduled meetings.

This resolution was tabled until next month.

12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

13. CITIZENS TIME

Several residents questioned the new structure of the meeting, and the lack of the question and answer time. Supervisor Heikkila encouraged them to schedule to meet one on one.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Supervisor Heikkila encouraged residents to schedule appointments with him to meet one on one.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

The next regular Board meeting is March 9, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK