
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

January 10, 2019 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

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 JANUARY 10, 2019 AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the January 10, 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 DECEMBER 13, 2018 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 December 13, 2018 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 touched on projects in the township, including Sperry Road abandonment, work at Ardmoor Park and removal of an old abandoned pump building. He asked everyone to observe a moment of silence regarding the passing of Mary Harvey.

7. CITIZENS TIME - agenda items only

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. Jason Orton, from the David Chapman Agency talked about the quotes for our liability insurance. He will schedule a time to meet with the Fire Department to go over their coverage.

9. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

*Draft December 13, 2018 Minutes

*Check Register

*Municipal Insurance Renewal proposal

*Par Plan newsletter

*2019 Meeting Dates

10. REPORTS

{A) FINANCE

RES. 01/10/19/01

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 \$27,565.07.

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 invited all to apply to attend the Citizens Police Academy, which covers the basic duties of the police department so citizens can grasp an understanding and develop positive relationships with the Police Department. He requested input for future meetings.

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

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS - The building is being repainted.

(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL – Mark Hires stated that permit activity is down but will pick up as we head to spring.

(E) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION - Barry Beamish requested input from residents for changes that they would like to see in the township. The commission continues to work on a parks and recreation plan, and will be reviewing the Master Plan and zoning ordinances.

(F) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – Commissioner Frisbie reported on an MDOT grant that will cover a section of North Avenue from Crandall Road to Baseline and possible detour while it is being worked on. He reported that he has been elected as the Chair on Calhoun County Commission and he has also been appointed to a state committee by former Governor Snyder.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 01/10/19/02

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt the 2019 Regular Board Meeting Schedule. Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The meeting dates are:

January 10	May 9	September 12
February 14	June 13	October 10
March 14	July 11	November 14
April 11	August 8	December 12

ROLL CALL:

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

RES. 01/10/19/03

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint a replacement for Mary Harvey, to The Board of Review, due to her recent passing.

Board of Review:

Diana O’Leary 1/1/2019-12/31/2020 2 year term
Alternate: Brenda Foltz

ROLL CALL:

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

RES. 01/10/19/04

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt Resolution **01/10/19/04**

Whereas, Public Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 2011 (“ACT”) limits a public employer’s expenditures for employee medical benefit plans, and

Whereas, the Act provides that the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford may exempt The Charter Township of Bedford from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year, and

Whereas The Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford have determined that it is in the best interests of The Charter Township of Bedford to exempt the township from the requirements of the ACT, now therefore,

It is hereby resolved by the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford, that it shall be exempt from the requirements of the ACT for the year 2019.

ROLL CALL:

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

13. CITIZENS TIME

Questions were raised concerning adding street lights and changing existing street lights to LED. Concerns were voiced regarding the number of medical marihuana facilities being allowed in the township; residents would like that number reduced, and had questions regarding procedures. Another resident talked about Ardmoor park and ownership being with the county.

A short presentation regarding human trafficking was given by Terrie Godde. Ms. Godde does presentations all over the county to bring awareness to human trafficking. January is human trafficking month. She offered to do a workshop for the township.

14. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Dingman stressed to all, if you see something say something, each resident knows their neighborhood better than anyone else.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm, by voice vote.

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

RANDOLPH JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK