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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

January 12, 2017 - 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### **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 DECEMBER 8, 2016 MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee Cipic, supported by Trustee Johnson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the December 8, 2016 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. 01/12/17/01**

Moved by Trustee Cipic, supported by Trustee Johnson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt Resolution 01/12/17/01:

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 2017.

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

## **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

Board members were given descriptions of the duties of Fire Commissioner as well as Police Commissioner.

## **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Audience members were frustrated with the tone of the meeting, availability, and office hours.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **(A) FINANCE**

#### **RES. 01/12/17/02**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$40,453.85.

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 gave a general overview of the activity in the township.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger noted that we had 341 runs 2016. He mentioned that training and equipment repairs are both expensive.

Captain Matt Godde, Bedford Fire Department, reviewed the statistical results of the 2016 annual report which included the various types of major incidents that the Fire Department responds to. As a result of the increased number of medical emergencies, the need for increased funding became very apparent.

#### **RES. 01/12/17/03**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, under the recommendation of Chief Cochensparger to raise the hourly pay for Probationary Firefighters to \$10.00 per hour, effective January 1, 2017.

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

### **(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Commissioner Frisbie made comments that if there were any problems, or ideas that you would like to have the county address, please contact him. Lifecare is in support of the proposed program that the Fire Department presented.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The appointment of the Planning Commission has been tabled; Supervisor Heikkila will bring his recommendations to the Board for appointment in the future.

**RES. 01/12/17/04**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint the various individuals to The Board of Appeals:

**Board of Appeals:**

Resolution to appoint members for the Board of Appeals.  
Richard Harvey is no longer an elected official.

Joe Cipic	1/1/2017-11/20/2020	end of term
Judy Hensley	1/1/2017-12/31/2019	3 year term

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-abstain; Shaw-yes;

6 yes, 0 no, 0 excused, 1 abstain; Motion carried.

**RES. 01/12/17/05**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint the various individuals to The Board of Review:

**Board of Review:**

Resolution to appoint members to the Board of Review.

Mary Harvey	1/1/2017-12/31/2018	2 year term
Barb Jones	1/1/2017-12/31/2018	2 year term
John Foltz	1/1/2017-12/31/2018	2 year term

Alternates: Diana O’Leary  
Brenda Foltz

Roll Call: Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes;

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

**11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. 01/12/17/06**

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by The Charter Township of Bedford to assign extra Non-Statutory duties as Deputy Treasurer to Sally Shaw. This has been cleared with both Attorney MacFarlane and MTA as an allowable assignment of duties. Pay is to be \$10.00 per hour.

Roll Call: Heikkila-no; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-abstain; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes,

5 yes, 1 no, 0 excused, 1 abstain; Motion carried.

**RES. 01/12/17/07**

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Johnson and resolved by the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Trustee Connie Gibson as Fire Commissioner. This position will serve as a liaison between the Fire Department and the township board and will establish a committee to work on matters affecting the Township and the Fire Department and bring recommendations/concerns to the township board.

Roll Call: Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-abstain; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-no;

5 yes, 1 no, 0 excused, 1 abstain; Motion carried.

**RES. 01/12/17/08**

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Trustee Rande Johnson as Police Commissioner. This position will work as a liaison between the township board and the police department and will establish a committee to work on matters affecting the Township and its residents. All recommendations/concerns will be brought to the board for consideration.

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson – abstain, Heikkila-no; Feraco –yes;

5 yes, 1 no, 0 excused, 1 abstain; Motion carried.

**12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustees Gibson and Johnson voiced their opinions of being concerned about the well- being of the township, their intentions are to work for the good of the people, as a united Board.

**13. CITIZENS TIME**

Many citizens vocalized concerns about the new Supervisor.

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

Discussion was had about developing a working relationship between the Supervisor and members of the Board.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11pm.

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

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**ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR**

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**JOYCE FERACO, CLERK**