
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

July 13, 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, a prayer was said.

3. ROLL CALL

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

6 members present, 1 member excused. A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 8, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

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

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

5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila invited residents to contact him directly, also mentioned that he has several projects that he is working on.

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 07/13/17/38

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize the completion of the Consumers Energy Incentive Project, not to exceed \$5,000.00.

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

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS -ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- *Draft June 8, 2017 Minutes
- *Check Register
- *Michigan Township Par Plan News
- *Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR)
- * Consumers Energy Incentive Project

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 07/13/17/39

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 \$62,661.64.

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

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Barton was available to answer questions from the audience and board. He encouraged all to keeping doors and vehicles locked.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported on Fire Department activities in the township. It has been a relatively quiet month. Invited all to the Fire Department Community Picnic on August 5, 2017.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie talked about how the county has bonded to cover unfunded pension liabilities. He also talked about the savings that the county has experienced by working with Honeywell to make the county “Green” (energy efficient).

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RES. 07/13/17/40

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Supervisor Heikkila and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to suspend the vote on the annexation of 650 Linwood Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49037.

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

1 yes, 4 no, 1 abstained, 1 excused; Motion defeated.

RES. 07/13/17/41

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Intergovernmental agreement adjusting a portion of the boundary between The City of Battle Creek and The Charter Township of Bedford, in regards to 650 Linwood Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49037.

Roll Call: Heikkila-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-no; Cipic-no; Shaw-no; Gibson-yes; Johnson –no,

2 yes, 4 no, 1 excused; Motion defeated.

10. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Continued comments of annexation of 650 Linwood Avenue property.

11. CITIZENS TIME

Residents asked questions regarding the 650 Linwood Avenue property.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is August 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK