
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

June 8, 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; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipic, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Randolph Johnson, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee.

7 members present. A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 11, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the May 11, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

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

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 24, 2017 MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Moved by Trustee Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the May 24, 2017 Storm-water, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW), Grant workshop minutes, as submitted.

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

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

6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila remarked on different projects that he is currently involved with and goals that he would like to achieve for our community. He talked about park improvements and procuring the funds to do so through grants and the continued problem with blight. He thanked the residents for their support of the Fire Department at the annual pancake breakfast.

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 06/8/17/36

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 49015.

After much discussion this resolution was tabled by unanimous vote in order to do more research.

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to table the resolution until additional information can be obtained.

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

8. COMMUNICATIONS -ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- *Draft May 11, 2017 Minutes
- *Draft May 24, 2017 Saw Grant Workshop Minutes
- *Check Register
- *Letter from, City of Battle Creek, Rebecca Fleury, City Manager
- *Financial Statements
- *Letter from Siegfried Crandall –auditors

9. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 06/8/17/37

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 \$134,425.40.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Barton updated on the happenings within the township, discussion followed concerning the use of speed signs and placement on township roads.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported that there has been a lot of activity in the Fire Department. The Chief expressed concern on increasing expenses of running the department with a limited budget. He thanked the residents for continually supporting the Fire Department events.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie reported on policy changes across the county, discussed the 50/50 split for roads in smaller townships.

Prosecutor Gilbert noted that his office was doing more with less resources; however, with funding from the state progress was being made with cold cases and rape kits.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) Generators

The board discussed the status of the bids for the purchase of generators for Fire Station 2/Township offices and Fire Station 3. Supervisor Heikkila has had three bids returned. He is anticipating a FEMA grant opportunity. Trustee Gibson reiterated the need to keep our facilities open during power outages and recommended we go with a local experienced company to purchase from soon.

B) Fire Department – Priority 1 medical runs

The board is discussing the cost of running medicals, which was estimated to be 60,000 + per year, the Chief believes that the department is already on a very tight budget. The idea of a millage increase was mentioned for the funding of running medicals. At this point they will continue to run medicals as requested.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Johnson was vocal on several issues. He has concern with the speed on Morgan Road and would like to find a solution to slow down the speed. He gave kudos to Sgt. Hugg for playing basketball with a group of youths. Trustee Johnson shared that this type of interaction is important and it gains confidence within the youth, which in turn creates a safer community. He touched on the importance of having usable parks and the value they bring to neighborhoods.

12. CITIZENS TIME

Several residents voiced concern over not making a decision on the Linwood property; both for and against the annexation of said property.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is July 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK