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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

March 14, 2019 - 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Johnson 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**

Rande Johnson, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco – excused; Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipicic; Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee;

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2019 AGENDA**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 14, 2019 agenda.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco – excused; Dezotell-yes;

6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

### **5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the February 14, 2019 minutes, as submitted.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipicic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes

6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

#### **ROLL CALL**

### **6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS**

Supervisor Johnson spoke about work being done and future plans for the building.

### **7. CITIZENS TIME – agenda items only**

On going discussion regarding 875 North Avenue.

### **8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### **9. COMMUNICATIONS – ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

\*Draft February 14, 2019 Minutes

\*Check Register

\*BCPD Activity Reports

## **10. REPORTS**

### **{A) FINANCE**

#### **RES. 03/14/19/11**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$38,106.71.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused;  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

### **(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Battle Creek Police Officer Hopkins, reported on fraud cases during tax season. Several scam cases have been reported, callers trying to trick residents into sending money and providing personal information. He talked about the activity/traffic reports.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger was absent. Captain Matt Godde talked about last months activity, and the new infrared cameras that will be delivered soon.

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

Signs have been posted for Harmonia Cemetery, which include office hours and the phone number to call for access.

**(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL** – Mark Hires reported that more calls are coming in; people are starting to prepare for building permits.

**(E) BLIGHT OFFICER** – Bill Scutt talked about a court case that is going to be settled and another case that is upcoming, trying to make a better Bedford.

**(F) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION** – Trustee Cipcic, liaison to the Planning Commission said he didn't have any items from Tuesday's meeting for tonight.

### **(G) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

## **11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RES. 03/14/19/12**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the amendment to the Charter Township of Bedford zoning ordinance to implement regulations regarding solar energy systems, which was read in February 14, 2019.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

**RES. 03/14/19/13**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the conditional use permit for 875 North Avenue, to be converted to a medical marihuana provisioning center.

**ROLL CALL:**

Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

**RES. 03/14/19/14**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, under the request of the Planning Commission to approve the contract with Rebecca Harvey of Harvey Consulting LLC, to assist the Planning Commission in the tasks currently being performed.

**ROLL CALL:**

Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes;  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

**RES. 03/14/19/15**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint William Scutt as a second alternate to the A.M.S.A. Council.

**ROLL CALL:**

Dingman –yes; Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes;  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

**RES. 03/14/19/16**

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Supervisor Rande Johnson, who will replace and remove former Supervisor Adam Heikkila as representative 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:**

Johnson-yes; Feraco –excused; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Dingman –yes;  
6 yes, 0 no, 1 excused Motion carried.

**13. CITIZENS TIME**

A citizen asked questions about the medical marijuana and possible future sites. Questions regarding 875 North Avenue were raised, the former Planning commission Chairman spoke about the process and was able to address the concerns.

**14. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Gibson also touched on the subject of 875 North Avenue.

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

Supervisor Johnson explained how the decision to discontinue the recycling was made.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is April 11, 2019 at 7:00pm.

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RANDOLPH JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK