
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

March 16, 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 given.

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. A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the February 9, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

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

5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila announced this new agenda item; each month he will report to the Board and residents areas he has been focusing on. This month he shared his outreaching into the community and invited all to the Stamp Out Heroin Rally taking place on March 21, 2017.

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 03/16/17/12

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt a change to the payment of trustee pay to the first pay of each month rather than semi-annually.

Roll Call:

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

7. COMMUNICATIONS

*Draft February 2017 minutes

*Check Register

*Ordinance to Amend Sewer Rate Ordinance

*Sewer Use Charges for resolution next month

*Wastewater Rate Adder Report (Sewer Rates)

- *Ordinance for new Planning Commission language
- *Par Plan Newsletter

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

The following ordinances were introduced this month. They will be voted on at the April Board Meeting.

(A) SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

An ordinance to provide for the operation of the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System within Bedford Charter Township; to prescribe the rates to be charged for the use of said system; to provide for the mandatory connection to said system; to repeal all prior ordinances concerning the Sanitary Sewage Disposal System; and to otherwise protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

(B) SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM RATES

Resolution to approve the Sanitary Sewer Rates for Bedford Charter Township as outlined in the attached schedule and which will be incorporated into the sanitary sewage disposal system ordinance described above.

(C) REPEAL FORMER PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION

Repeal Resolution 11/9/00/37 –Township Planning Commission. (Subsequently we will pass the new language as noted below.)

(D) PLANNING COMMISSION DESCRIPTION TO MEET CURRENT MCL 125.3811 GUIDELINES

An ordinance to describe the powers and duties of the Charter Township of Bedford Planning Commission; to describe membership of the Planning Commission, terms of office and vacancies; to otherwise comply with 2008 PA 33 concerning the responsibilities of Planning Commissions; and to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.

9. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 03/16/17/13

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 \$265,423.96

Roll Call:

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Lt. Chrenenko introduced Officer Alexander Barton as the Officer assigned to Bedford. Officer Barton delivered the report on activity within the township. He will attend all future Board Meetings.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger presented the activity within the township. He encouraged all to attend the Pancake Breakfast on May 13, 2017, 8am-noon.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(A) Planning Commission appointments

RES. 03/16/17/14

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint the following members to the Planning Commission:

Joseph Cipic 03/16/2017-11/20/2020 (expiration of term)
Barry Beamish 03/16/2017-12/31/2019
Susan Morgan 03/16/2017-12/31/2019

Roll Call:

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

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 03/16/17/15

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to change regular office hours to Monday thru Thursday, 7:30am-4:30pm, closed 12:00-12:30 for lunch, to allow residents additional hours of operation. Offices will be closed on Fridays. New hours will be in effect March 20, 2017.

Roll Call:

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

RES. 3/16/17/16

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Johnson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to support 911 fees being added as a surcharge to cell phone users in Calhoun County and be put to a vote in the next county wide election.

Roll Call:

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

RES 03/16/17/17

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to accept the Interlocal Service Agreement between the City of Battle Creek and Bedford Charter Township for Fleet Services.

Roll Call:

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

12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

There was discussion on MCL (Michigan Compliance Law) and MTA (Michigan Township Association) and their role in operating a healthy township.

Trustee Gibson reported on activities pertaining to the Fire Committee.

13. CITIZENS TIME

Blight concerns were voiced, members of the audience volunteered their assistance.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

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

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK