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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

May 10, 2018 – 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. INVOCATION – Pastor Gary Cantrell**

### **4. ROLL CALL**

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

### **5. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2018 AGENDA**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Clerk Feraco and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the May 10, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

**ROLL CALL:** Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **6. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2018 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Clerk Feraco and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the April 12, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

**ROLL CALL:** Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **7. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 30, 2018 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the April 30, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

**ROLL CALL:** Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **8. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS**

Supervisor Heikkila talked about the recent workshop the board attended regarding parliamentary procedures. He also talked about the difference between governance and politics.

### **9. CITIZENS TIME**

A resident voiced concern over the verbal attacks against the Board in previous board meetings.

### **10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

- Draft April 12, 2018 minutes
- Draft April 30, 2018 minutes
- Draft, 2017 annual audit report
- Check Register
- Control Electric change order (generator)

### **{A} FINANCE**

#### **RES. 05/10/18/31**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$270,940.01.

**ROLL CALL:** Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

### **{B} PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**POLICE:** Battle Creek Police Officer Kidney talked about the road and traffic reports.

**FIRE:** Chief Cochensparger reported on the happenings in the township. He talked about the fires and emergency calls this month, the upcoming millage proposal and the Pancake Breakfast on June 9, 2018.

### **{C} BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Kevin Dezotell talked about the clean- up and refurbishing of the pavilion and bathroom area at Skeets Gehrman Park, in the village.

### **{D} BUILDING OFFICIAL**

Trustee Shaw spoke in place of Mark Hires, who not able to be in attendance. Building permits have increased and the continue to do so, as the season gets started.

### **{E} CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION**

Barry Beamish spoke about some concerns with interactions between the Planning Commission and the Supervisor. A copy of an email between legal counsel and the Planning Commission Chair was asked to be put into the minutes. Additional time was granted via point of order called by Trustee Johnson, supported by Trustee Gibson , and a roll call vote by the board to allow Chairman Beamish to complete his report.

**ROLL CALL:** Heikkila-no; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes;  
Johnson –yes;  
6 yes, 1 no; Motion carried.

### **{F} LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Commissioner Frisbie talked about the additional money to be used for demolition of blighted properties. Two are in Bedford Township, 8 Arlington and the Bedford Mill. He spoke about the search for the new managing director of the Road Department.

## **12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **13. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. 05/10/18/32**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Conditional Use request for Ty Green at 3749 W. Michigan, to allow for the sale of automobiles. This was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting on May 8, 2018.

**ROLL CALL:** Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**RES. 05/10/18/33**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the change order for the installation of the generator at Station 2, for the amount of \$1,450.00.

**ROLL CALL:** Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**RES. 05/10/18/34**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the millage language for the Fire Department millage request.

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE  
FOR BEDFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

**BEDFORD CHARTER TOWNSHIP, CALHOUN COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 05/10/18/34**

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Bedford Charter Township wishes to ensure that the Township has sufficient funds to pay for fire protection services and to purchase and maintain the necessary equipment and apparatus for the fire department; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide for funding of public safety services by means of a millage levy for such purposes pursuant to 1933 PA 62, as amended, MCL 211.201, et seq.; 1951 PA 33, as amended, MCL 41.801, et seq., and other laws; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Bedford Charter Township wishes to levy 2 mills for the purpose of providing funding for the operation and maintenance of the Township fire department (1 mill), and for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of fire and rescue vehicles, apparatus and equipment (1 mill),

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Bedford Charter Township, Calhoun County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 7, 2018 election ballot:

*Shall the Charter Township of Bedford impose an increase of up to 2 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the charter township tax levy limitation imposed under MCL 42.27 and levy it for 15 years, 2018 through*

*2032 inclusive, for the purpose of providing funding for the operation and maintenance of the Township fire department (1 mill) , and for the acquisition, operation and maintenance of fire and rescue vehicles, apparatus and equipment (1 mill), which 2 mill increase will raise an estimated \$350,000 in the first year the millage is levied. If approved, this will mean the authorization of a new additional millage.*

**ROLL CALL:** Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes;  
7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

**14. CITIZENS TIME**

Questions were raised in reference to hiring a Blight Officer, if we were considered an emergency location in case of disaster, about the planning commission. The Fire Chief encouraged volunteers to help with park renovations.

**15. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Shaw requested that we pull together to meet with the Road Department to develop an ordinance for no through trucks.

Trustee Cipcic addressed the number of meetings for the Planning Commission.

Trustee Gibson addressed the need for the Fire Department to have additional funds and the support of the upcoming millage proposal.

Trustee Johnson addressed the work of the Planning Commission and procedures to bring concerns to the Board. Filling the open Blight Officer position, that has been temporarily assumed by the Supervisor. Talked about the Supervisors Address and the difference between governance and politics, and the fact that politics comes with politicians.

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

Clerk Feraco shared the results of the May 8, 2018 election. She encouraged all to vote at the August 7, 2018 Primary Election as well as the November 6, 2018 General Election.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported Trustee Cipcic.

Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting at 8:20pm.

Next Board meeting is June 14, 2018 at 7:00pm.

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ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK