

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
APRIL 12, 2012  
MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012, AT 7:30 P.M., BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM, 115 SOUTH ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, 49037.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS RECITED PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR; ALBERTA DUCK, CLERK; CHRIS DEZOTELL, TREASURER; RICHARD HARVEY, TRUSTEE; RANDE JOHNSON, TRUSTEE; SALLY SHAW, TRUSTEE; LEE WATERSON, TRUSTEE -- QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 8, 2012 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE MARCH 8, 2012 BOARD MEETING MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS. THERE WERE NONE.

ROLL CALL: HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES -- 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

NONE

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXES

(2) REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER -- DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

(3) REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL -- DISTRICT INFORMATION

(4) SPRING CLEAN UP, SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2012, 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 12:00 P.M. (NOON)

(5) INFORMATION REFERENCING THE 1975 FIRE TRUCK, GRASS RIG – MINIMUM BID OF \$1500.00, WHICH WAS ADVERTISED IN THE BATTLE CREEK SHOPPER MARCH 1, 2012, WAS SOLD FOR \$2300.00.

(6) QUOTES FROM PLAY ENVIRONMENTS INCORPORATION

CLERK ALBERTA DUCK AND SUPERVISOR SPRAU REPORTED ON THE COMMUNIQUE.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. STEVE FRISBIE, CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, REPORTED ON THE EQUALIZATION DEPARTMENT AND THAT POSSIBLY THE ELIMINATION OF THE ROAD COMMISSION OR BLENDING OF THAT DEPARTMENT. HE NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A PUBLIC HEARING REFERENCING THIS. OTHER COUNTY ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS. THERE WERE NONE.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 4/12/12/13 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$88,693.44.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS. THERE WERE NOT ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

ROLL CALL: WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES – 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

RES. 4/12/12/14 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT THE HEART (HEROES EARNING ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF ACT OF 2008 CONTAINING PROVISIONS RELATING TO MILITARY SERVICE RIGHT AND BENEFITS) AND WRERA (WORKER, RETIREE AND EMPLOYER RECOVERY ACT OF 2008 DETAILING THE 2009 REQUIRED MINIMUM RMD (REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION) PROVISIONS.

THE ADOPTION OF THESE AMENDMENTS ENSURES THAT BEDFORD'S PENSION PLAN REMAINS IN COMPLIANCE AND UP-TO-DATE WITH ALL CURRENT REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS MANDATED BY THE IRS (INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE).

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED IT IS ONE OF THE MANDATES THAT WE NEEDED TO ADOPT AND STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH -- EVERYONE IS GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT.

ROLL CALL: SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; JOHNSON, YES - 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

LT. MADSEN, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES IN THE BEDFORD AREA. FIRE CHIEF LARRY COCHENS-PARGER REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RES. 4/12/12/15 MOVED BY TRUSTEE JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ACCEPT A BID FOR THE 1978 FIRE TRUCK, MINI-PUMPER (UNIT 55I) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00. THE ADVERTISEMENT IN THE BATTLE CREEK SHOPPER STIPULATED A MINIMUM BID OF \$4500.00.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS ONE BID SUBMITTED AND IT WAS LESS THAN THE MINIMUM BID. HE EXPLAINED IT IS UP TO THE BOARD.

ROLL CALL: JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES, WATERSON (EXCUSED FROM THE BOARD TO VOTE); HARVEY, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; SPRAU, YES - 6 YES, 1 EXCUSED, 0 NO. MOTION CARRIED.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

RES. 4/12/12/16 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ALLOCATE \$2750.00 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT FOR THE REPAVING OF BEIVER STREET. THE ROAD COMMISSION WILL MATCH THE \$2750.00. TOTAL COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$5500.00 FOR 2 INCHES OF PAVING. BEIVER STREET IS BEING REPAVED BECAUSE OF THE "DRAIN PROJECT" BY CALHOUN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THE DRAIN COMMISSION WOULD PAY ONLY FOR THE PORTION OF THE ROAD THEY TORE OUT. THE ROAD COMMISSION OUTLINED THE COST BETWEEN BEDFORD AND THEIR SELVES SO THAT THE TOTAL ROAD WOULD BE PAVED.

ROLL CALL: SPRAU, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON YES, HARVEY, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES - 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

RES. 4/12/12/17 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE COST OF THE QUOTES FROM PLAY ENVIRONMENTS INCORPORATION FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) PLAY AREAS:

FIRE STATION PLAY AREA	\$ 7,700.00
SKEETS GEHRMAN PLAY AREA	\$ 7,300.00

ARDMOOR PLAY AREA \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 6,400.00

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$21,400.00

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED MANY TIMES. WE EITHER BRING THEM UP TO CODE OR REMOVE THEM. TRUSTEE HARVEY NOTED IT IS A LIABILITY.

ROLL CALL: DEZOTELL, YES; SPRAU, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; DUCK, YES - 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

RES. 4/12/12/18 MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT THE BURNING PERMIT FORM ALONG WITH GUIDELINES.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE FORMS WOULD BE NUMBERED AND DUPLICATED ON NCR PAPER. THE TOWNSHIP WILL RETAIN A COPY. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL CORRESPOND WITH TOWNSHIP STAFF REFERENCING OFFENDERS WHO VIOLATE THE BURNING ORDINANCE. BURNING ORDINANCE WOULD BE AMENDED AND LAID UPON THE TABLE FOR THIRTY DAYS THEN ADOPTED IF IT IS THE BOARD'S PLEASURE. ATTORNEY NORLANDER WILL DRAFT THE ORDINANCE.

ROLL CALL: DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; SPRAU, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES - 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

TRUSTEE WATERSON NOTED THAT SHE WOULD RECOMMEND A STANDARDIZE QUOTE REQUEST FORM, WHICH SHOULD BE USED WHEN PURCHASING FIRE GEAR OR EQUIPMENT. SHE NOTED THAT SHE HAS A DRAFT OF THE FORM AND WILL SEND IT OUT FOR REVIEW. CLERK DUCK INQUIRED ABOUT THE EXPLANATION TO TRUSTEE WATERSON REFERENCING THE GEAR. TRUSTEE WATERSON UNDERSTOOD THE EXPLANATION BUT WANTED FULL DISCLOSURE OF THE PRODUCT.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NONE

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE SHAW REPORTED ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE. SHE NOTED THAT A ROAD SURVEY IS GOING TO BE MAILED OUT TO

THE RESIDENTS OF BEDFORD TO SEE IF A PER-PARCEL COST WOULD BE THE EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET THE ROADS REPAIRED IN BEDFORD. THERE WOULD BE PUBLIC INPUT AND THE RESIDENTS WILL BE APPRISED OF THE PUBLIC MEETINGS. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT SALLY AND THE ROAD COMMITTEE HAVE PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO THIS. TRUSTEE SHAW INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ANY PROPOSAL FOR GRANTS SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD BEFORE THEY ARE PRESENTED TO ANY ENTITY. SHE NOTED THAT IT IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT. THE BUDGET NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED TO SEE IF THE MATCH IS THERE. SHE NOTED THAT SHE DOES NOT WANT TO STOP ANY GRANTS FROM BEING PROPOSED. SHE JUST WANTS THE BOARD TO BE INFORMED. SHE WOULD LIKE A MOTION REFERENCING THE STRUCTURE OF THE GRANT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED HE WOULD CONTACT ATTORNEY NORLANDER FOR HIS LEGAL EXPERTISE. TRUSTEE WATERSON WOULD LIKE JOB DESCRIPTIONS COMPOSED FOR JUSTIFICATION OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT. SHE NOTED THAT SOMEONE THAT HAS WORKED TWENTY YEARS VERSES NEW EMPLOYMENT THAT SALARY SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS


NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

NONE

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

  
Thomas Sprau, Supervisor

  
Alberta Duck, Clerk