

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
FEBRUARY 9, 2012  
MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2012, 7:30 P.M., BEDFORD MEETING ROOM, 115 SOUTH ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, 49037.

1. CALL TO ORDER

SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBER RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

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

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12, 2012 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 12, 2012 MINUTES.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES. THERE WERE NOT ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS ON THE MINUTES.

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) LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER -- 63<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT

CLERK DUCK ANNOUNCED SHE HAD HANDOUTS WITH INFORMATION REFERENCING THE DEADLINES FOR VOTER REGISTRATION ALONG WITH 2012 ELECTION DATES. IN ADDITION, SHE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAD BROCHURES WITH INFORMATION PERTAINING TO CALHOUN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES IF ANYONE WAS INTERESTED. SHE NOTED THAT SHE WOULD LAY THEM ON THE INFORMATIONAL TABLE, WHICH IS IN FRONT OF THE OFFICES.

7. CITIZEN'S TIME

MR. WEBB CONVEYED HE WAS RUNNING FOR THE POSITION OF CALHOUN COUNTY PROSECUTOR.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 2/09/12/06      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 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,902.24.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS REFERENCING THE BILLS. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

JON HANCOTT, BATTLE CREEK POLICE OFFICER, WAS PRESENT FOR THE AUDIENCE TO ASK QUESTIONS. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSFARGER REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(C) BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RES. 2/09/12/07 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO INCREASE THE CEMETERY FOUNDATION PRICES FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD. (FOUNDATION RATES ARE ATTACHED.)

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS REFERENCING THE CEMETERY RATES. THERE WERE NONE.

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

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

THE BOARD DISCUSSED THE GUIDELINES OF THE BURNING PERMIT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT HE WILL HAVE ATTORNEY NORLANDER REVIEW THE BURNING ORDINANCE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU DISCUSSED THE ASSESSMENT OF THE BEDFORD VILLAGE DRAIN. TRUSTEE SHAW ASKED HOW MUCH WAS BEDFORD'S PORTION. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT IT WAS AROUND \$148,900.00. HE IS HOPING FOR A SEVEN (7) YEAR ASSESSMENT. HE AGAIN REITERATED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE DRAIN ASSESSMENT. THIS MANDATE CAME FROM CALHOUN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED THE AUDITORS WOULD BEGIN THE TOWNSHIP AUDIT FEBRUARY 16.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEE WATERSON SPOKE ABOUT THE CONTAMINATION AT FIRE STATION 1 ON BEDFORD ROAD. HER CONCEPT WAS, THAT WHEN THE DNR RELEASES THE SITE FROM THE CONTAMINATION; THE GROUNDWORK SHOULD BE LAID FOR OBTAINING A GRANT FOR A NEW FIRE STATION AT THAT LOCATION. SHE DETAILED THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRANT AND WOULD LIKE ONE OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEES BE INITIATED, IF THEY WOULD, TO RESEARCH THE RESULTS. TRUSTEE WATERSON SPOKE ABOUT SCBA (SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS) EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE COST OF THE NEW EQUIPMENT AND ANTICIPATED WAIT OF THE GRANT MONEY FOR NEW EQUIPMENT. TRUSTEE HARVEY NOTED HE FELT THAT THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE REPLACED NOW. TRUSTEE SHAW AGREED, AND SHE NOTED IT WAS A SAFETY FACTOR. SHAW NOTED THAT

SHE DID NOT READ THE GRANT PROPOSAL, BUT SOMETIMES YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND BUY THE STUFF AND TRANSFER WHAT YOU BOUGHT ONTO THE GRANT FUNDING. SHE NOTED THAT THIS SHOULD BE REVIEWED.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

NONE

12. CITIZEN'S TIME

NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR PAYING 2011 WINTER PROPERTY TAXES WITHOUT PENALTY IS FEBRUARY 14. THE PRIMARY ELECTION IS FEBRUARY 28.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Thomas Sprau, Supervisor



Alberta Duck, Clerk