

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012
MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD
MEMBERS.

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 – A QUORUM
WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2011 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON,
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 8, 2011, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS OR
DELETIONS REFERENCING THE MOTION. 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

RES. 01/12/12/01 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY CLERK
DUCK, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF BEDFORD TO AMEND THE 401 (a) PLAN, AS FOLLOWS: TO CHANGE THE
NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FROM 65 TO 55. FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE
AMENDMENT ABOVE BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12, 2012.

TRUSTEE SHAW AND TRUSTEE WATERSON INQUIRED ABOUT THE AMENDMENT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT EACH PERSON THAT IS IN THE PENSION PLAN WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RETIREMENT AGE WAS 55. IT WAS 65 NOT 55; THAT IS WHY THE CHANGE. SHAW AND WATERSON NOTED THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. THEY JUST WANTED TO KNOW. SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT BEDFORD HAD A NEW REPRESENTATIVE FROM BURNHAM AND FLOWER, AND SHE MET WITH EACH PERSON INDIVIDUALLY ABOUT THEIR PENSION.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MTA FAXes

(2) CONGRESSMAN TIM WALBERG

CLERK DUCK REPORTED ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE. SHE NOTED THAT ARIAL FIREWORKS WAS PERMITTED INTO LAW JANUARY 1, 2012. TRUSTEE WATERSON SPOKE ABOUT THE MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSING THE PARTIAL BURNING BAN REFERENCING THE BURNING OF HOUSEHOLD MATERIAL. IN ADDITION, IT WAS NOTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, IF THIS BECOMES LAW AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR, THIS SECTION WOULD BE ADDED TO THE BURNING ORDINANCE. TREASURER DEZOTELL FELT THE DRAFT FOR THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WAS TOO WORDY AND TOO CONFUSING. THERE WAS DISCUSSION WHETHER PART OF THE BURNING PERMIT, THAT BEING THE GUIDELINE, BECOMES THE ORDINANCE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE BOARD HAS THE ORDINANCE. HE WOULD LIKE THEIR INPUT AND THEN SUBMIT IT TO ATTORNEY NORLANDER FOR REVIEW. THE ORDINANCE WILL LAY UPON THE TABLE FOR 30 DAYS, WHICH IS AN INTRODUCTION, AND POSSIBLY ADOPTED BY THE BOARD AT ONE OF THE BOARD MEETINGS.

7. CITIZEN'S TIME

MR. PARDEIK INQUIRED ABOUT THE ORDINANCES AT THE LIBRARY. SUBMISSION OF TRUSTEE WATERSON'S EXPLANATION INFERRED THAT THE LIBRARY PLACES HARD BOUND MATERIAL ON DISPLAY AND UNBOUND MATERIAL, WHICH IS KNOWN AS LEAFLET, IS REFERENCED BUT NOT DISPLAYED. TRUSTEE WATERSON TOOK A COPY OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE DOWN TO THE LIBRARY HERSELF AND RECEIVED A RECEIPT WITH THE DATE STAMPED ON IT. SHE NOTED THAT THE LIBRARY COULD NOT FIND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, WHICH SHE JUST HAD TAKEN TO THEM.

SHE EXPLAINED SHE IS WORKING WITH LEA DOBBS, WILLARD LIBRARY, ON RESOLVING THE ISSUE.

REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 1/12/12/02 MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$300, 222.79.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS REFERENCING THE BILLS. THERE WERE NOT ANY 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.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

LT. MADSEN, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ON POLICE ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP, AND HE ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF TASERING TO TRUSTEE JOHNSON. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSPARGER REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

RES. 1/12/12/03 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO EXCUSE CHRISANDRA DEZOTELL FROM VOTING ON RES. 1/12/12/04 - THERE IS A CONFLICT OF INTEREST BECAUSE OF AN AFFILIATION WITH A UNION MEMBER.

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

ROLL CALL: JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, EXCUSED; SPRAU, YES - 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

RES. 1/12/12/04 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD MAINTENANCE AND THE

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014.

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

ROLL CALL: SPRAU, YES; JOHNSON, YES; SHAW, YES; WATERSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; DUCK, YES; DEZOTELL, EXCUSED - 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

RES. 1/12/12/05 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO REAPPOINT AND APPOINT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION

BARB JONES	01/01/12 TO 12/31/12	(1-YEAR TERM)
MARK HIRE	01/01/12 TO 12/31/12	(1-YEAR TERM)
MARK HANEAULT	01/01/12 TO 12/31/13	(2-YEAR TERM)
DAVE PAULSON	01/01/12 TO 12/31/13	(2-YEAR TERM)

BOARD OF APPEALS

JOSEPH CIPCIC	01/01/12 TO 12/31/12	(1-YEAR TERM)
BOBBY HIRE	01/01/12 TO 12/31/13	(2-YEAR TERM)
JOAN GOODALE	01/01/12 TO 12/31/13	(2-YEAR TERM)

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS. THERE WERE NONE.

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

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NONE

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE JOHNSON APPRECIATED THE SNOW REMOVAL ON MORGAN ROAD, AND HE THANKED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PRESENT IN THE AREA.

12. CITIZEN'S TIME

NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS. THERE WERE NONE.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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


Thomas Sprau, Supervisor


Alberta Duck, Clerk