

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

JULY 12, 2012

MINUTES

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

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

CLERK DUCKED REPORTED THAT A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 14, 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 JUNE 14, 2012 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS REFERENCING THE MINUTES. THERE WERE NOT ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS. UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

NONE

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXES

(2) STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER

(3) STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL

CLERK DUCK REPORTED ON ALL CORRESPONDENCE

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. BILL SHELDON SPOKE ABOUT THE MILLAGE RENEWAL FOR CALHOUN COUNTY MEDICAL CARE FACILITY.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 7/12/12/25 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$80,752.89

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS 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.

RES. 7/12/12/26 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER, DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AMEND THE 2012 BUDGET TO INCREASE EXPENSES WITHIN THE BUDGET:

ELECTIONS \$2,200.00 (POSTAGE ON NEW ID CARDS -- CENSUS); CEMETERY \$4,000.00 (REPAIR AND MAINTAIN); FIRE DEPARTMENT \$37,000.00 (REPAIR AND EQUIPMENT); PARKS & RECREATION \$21,400.00 (PLAY EQUIPMENT); BUILDING & GROUNDS \$6,575.00 (ROAD IMPROVEMENT – BEVIER STREET & ROAD IMPROVEMENT SURVEY) -- TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ \$71,175.00.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED THE BOARD MEMBERS IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS REFERENCING THE RESOLUTION. THERE WERE NOT ANY QUESTIONS.

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

REPORT FROM THE BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS STIPULATED REFERENCING THE BEDFORD AREA. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSARGER REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND INDICATED THAT HE IS GOING TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT. THERE ARE FIVE (5) INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD NOT HAVE TO ATTEND FIRE TRAINING, BUT ARE GOING TO BE INTERVIEWED, AND THE OTHERS THAT ARE TO BE INTERVIEWED WOULD NEED TO ATTEND FIRE TRAINING.

RES. 7/12/12/27 MOVED BY TRUSTEE JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT THE "INJURY ON DUTY POLICY" FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD. THERE WERE NOT ANY QUESTIONS.

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

RES. 7/12/12/28 MOVED BY TRUSTEE JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO CONCUR WITH THE AGREEMENT TO CONTRACT SERVICE BETWEEN BATTLE CREEK AREA AMBULANCE D/B/A LIFECARE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION REFERENCING LIFECARE AMBULANCE SERVICE, AND SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IS \$38.00 A YEAR AND IS WORTH HAVING. HE EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TO USE THE SERVICE, AND HIS MEDICAL INSURANCE PAID A PORTION, AND BY BEING A MEMBER TO LIFE CARE, THE DIFFERENCE WAS PAID BY LIFECARE. HE ASKED IF THE BOARD HAD ANY OTHER COMMENTS. THERE WERE NOT ANY OTHER COMMENTS.

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. 7/12/12/29 MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FROM LYNETTE FERGUSON, CASBAR LLC, FOR THE FOLLOWING LICENSE: CLASS C WITH SDM/SUNDAY SALES AND THE FOLLOWING PERMITS, IF APPLIED FOR; DANCE PERMIT AND ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT, LOCATED AT 22575 BEDFORD ROAD, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, 49017.

(MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION—LC 1305 FORM) FORMERLY "REDNECK WILLY'S")

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD. TRUSTEE JOHNSON WANTED TO KNOW WHAT THE CASBAR WAS. SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT REDNECK WILLY'S WENT OUT

DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE ROADS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE POWERS OF THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER OVER THE DRAINS AND THE CHARGES. MR. FRISBIE ASKED THE AUDIENCE IF THEY HAD ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE ROADS.

MR. DON JARDEE, 517 MARIE, NOTED THAT THE ROADS ARE TRASHED, AND THE BEST THING THAT BEDFORD CAN DO IS GET AS FAR AWAY FROM CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AND FIX BEDFORD'S ROADS. TRUSTEE SHAW EXPLAINED THAT IS WHAT THE ROAD COMMITTEE IS DOING. THE ROAD COMMITTEE HAS HAD TWO (2) PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROADS, AND BEDFORD PROBABLY WILL HOLD ANOTHER PUBLIC DISCUSSION. WE WANT THE RESIDENTS TO KNOW, WE WANT YOUR INPUT. MR. WARREN SPOKE ABOUT HOW THE COUNTY ROAD WORKERS ARE FILLING IN POTHLES, PATCHING THEM. HE FELT THEIR WORK WAS DEFICIENT. THE BOARD THANKED CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSIONER FRISBIE FOR COMING.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE PEOPLE RUNNING FOR ELECTED POSITIONS COULD INTRODUCE THEMSELVES AT THIS TIME. ALICE HILL NOTED THAT SHE WAS RUNNING FOR SUPERVISOR FOR BEDFORD. MARK GYSEL INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND NOTED HE WAS RUNNING FOR A TRUSTEE'S POSITION IN BEDFORD. CANDY GYSEL INTRODUCED HERSELF AND NOTED THAT SHE WAS RUNNING FOR THE TREASURER'S POSITION IN BEDFORD. CONNIE GIBSON INTRODUCED HIMSELF THAT HE WAS RUNNING FOR A TRUSTEE'S POSITION IN BEDFORD. MARK JONES INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND NOTED HE WAS RUNNING FOR CALHOUN COUNTY WATER RESOURCES COMMISSIONER. BILLY WOODWARD INTRODUCED HIMSELF AND NOTED THAT HE WAS RUNNING FOR TRUSTEE'S POSITION IN BEDFORD. MARILYN BANASZAK INTRODUCED HERSELF AND NOTED THAT SHE WAS RUNNING FOR THE CLERK'S POSITION IN BEDFORD.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE BURNING ORDINANCE IS TO LIE UPON THE TABLE FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS AND WILL COME BEFORE THE BOARD FOR A VOTE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE WATERSON ASKED EVERYONE TO VOTE AUGUST 7, 2012, AND IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE SUPPORT 9-1-1 SURCHARGE FOR DISPATCH. TRUSTEE WATERSON INDICATED THAT IT IS THE MOST FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAY TO FUND IT.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. WILKY, 444 BAUMAN ROAD, EXPRESSED HIS OPINION ON HOW BAD THE ROADS WERE, AND WHY SOME OF THE PRIOR BOARD MEMBERS DID NOTHING ABOUT THE ROADS. TRUSTEE WATERSON AND TRUSTEE SHAW EXPLAINED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS TO HAVE MATCHING MONEY FOR THE ROADS. THE COUNTY OWNS ALL THE ROADS IN THE TOWNSHIP. TRUSTEE SHAW INFERRED THAT THE ROAD COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU TO ASSIST IN A SOLUTION TO IMPROVE AND FUND THE ROADS. TRUSTEE JOHNSON SPOKE ABOUT THE ROAD COMMISSIONERS BEING APPOINTED AND THE INSUFFICIENCY OF THE COMMISSIONERS. HE NOTED THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE EMPLOYEES. THEY ARE DOING WHAT THEY ARE ORDERED TO DO. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION ON THE ROAD SURVEY. TRUSTEE WATERSON NOTED THAT THE ROAD COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE RESIDENTS OF BEDFORD. THEY ARE FROM ALL AREAS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

CLERK DUCK GAVE NOTIFICATION OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012.

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