

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012
MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2012, 7:30 P.M., 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 TO THE FLAG

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

3. ROLL CALL

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

CLERK DUCK NOTED THAT THERE WAS A QUORUM.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 10, 2012 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU AND TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE MAY 10, 2012 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE MINUTES. TRUSTEE WATERSON REQUESTED THAT ADDED VERBIAGE BE INCLUDED REFERENCING THE STATEMENT, WHICH ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ULDRIKS NOTED, AT THE MAY 10, 2012 BOARD MEETING, THAT HE AGREED WITH TRUSTEE WATERSON ABOUT PURCHASING THE SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT INSTEAD OF LEASING. (ADDED VERBIAGE WAS ADDED TO THE MAY 10, 2012 MINUTES, UNDER NUMBER 7, SUBTITLE; PUBLIC COMMENTS; PARAGRAPH 4.

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. 6/14/12/23 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY WIDE 9-1-1 PHONE SURCHARGE FUNDING;

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2008 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT THAT CREATED THE CALHOUN COUNTY CONSOLIDATED DISPATCH AUTHORITY (CCDA), ONLY A PORTION OF THE ENTITIES IN THE COUNTY OF CALHOUN HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING REVENUE FOR 9-1-1 SERVICE; AND

WHEREAS, THE CCCDA GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HAVE VOTED TO PLACE A PROPOSAL ON THE AUGUST 2012 COUNTY-WIDE BALLOT SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A FAIR, EQUITABLE, AND STABLE FUNDING SOLUTION TO PROVIDE 911 SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF CALHOUN COUNTY; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROPOSED FUNDING SOLUTION IS AN INCREASE IN THE ALL-DEVICE SURCHARGE FROM \$.60 PER MONTH UP TO \$2.25 PER MONTH, PER DEVICE; AND

WHEREAS, IN THE EVENT THE PROPOSAL DOES NOT PASS, AN AUTOMATIC “FEE FOR SERVICE” WILL BE INSTITUTED WHICH WILL RESULT IN A CHARGE TO THE GENERAL FUND.

WHEREAS, THE ALL-DEVICE SURCHARGE PROPOSAL WILL SOLELY FUND THE CCCDA AND REPLACE THE CURRENT GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS BEING MADE BY CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD OFFERS THEIR FULL SUPPORT OF THE 911 TELEPHONE SURCHARGE AS A FAIR AND ADEQUATE FUNDING MECHANISM TO PROVIDE 911 DISPATCHING TO BEDFORD RESIDENTS.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS ON THE MOTION. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS ON THE MOTION.

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) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXES

- (2) MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL NEWS RELEASE
- (3) MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER NEWS RELEASE

CLERK DUCK REPORTED ON THE COMMUNIQUE.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

MR. JERRY PARDEIK, RESIDENT, QUESTIONED THE SUR-CHARGE ON PREPAID PHONES FROM ANOTHER STATE. STEVE FRISBEE, CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, NOTED THAT THE 911 SURCHARGE FEE WOULD CORRESPOND WITH THE PERSON'S ADDRESS. IN THE DETROIT AREA, IF THEY HAVE 60% OF PREPAID PHONES, DETROIT WILL GET 60% OF THE 911 SURCHARGE. MR. FRISBEE SPOKE ABOUT THE ROAD COMMISSION'S FRINGE BENEFITS - PAYROLL IS AT 89% OF THAT BUDGET. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD MEMBERS OVER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ROAD COMMISSION. SUPERVISOR SPRAU CONVEYED TO COUNTY COMMISSIONER FRISBEE ABOUT THE COUNTY-OWNED-BLIGHTED PROPERTIES, IN BEDFORD, WHICH ARE NOT BEING MAINTAINED - MOWED OR CLEANED. SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THEY ARE PROPERTIES IN WHICH THE PROPERTY TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN PAID, AND THEY ARE RELINQUISHED BACK TO THE COUNTY TREASURER. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT BEDFORD HAS BEEN RECEIVING COMPLAINTS FROM THE RESIDENTS. MR. FRISBEE REQUESTED A LIST OF THE COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTIES. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED HE WOULD SEND HIM ONE. MR. FRISBEE THANKED BEDFORD FOR SUPPORTING THE 911 SURCHARGE FUNDING, WHICH WOULD BE ON THE BALLOT AT THE AUGUST 2012 PRIMARY.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 6/14/12/24 MOVED BY TRUSTEE JOHNSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$54,590.98.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE BILLS. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS ON THE BILLS.

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/SAFETY

BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ON THE MURDER IN ORCHARD PARK/MORGAN WOODS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP. TRUSTEE JOHNSON THANKED THE BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PRESENTS IN THE AREA. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSARGER REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON RECRUITING NEW APPLICANTS AS FIRE FIGHTERS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION REFERENCING THAT MANY OF THE FIRE FIGHTERS HAVE JOBS OUTSIDE OF BEING A FIRE FIGHTER AND DO NOT HAVE THE LIBERTY OF LEAVING THEIR JOB TO ANSWER A CALL. TRUSTEE HARVEY REQUESTED FROM FIRE CHIEF COCHENSARGER AN OFFERING OF A PAY-RATE INCREASE FOR THE FIRE FIGHTERS. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED HE WANTED TO SEE SOME FIGURES BEFORE A MOTION IS PRESENTED.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

NONE

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU REPORTED THAT INNOVATIVE IS WORKING WITH THE STATE AND THEY ARE REQUESTING A HEARING, AND THEY ARE TRYING TO GET PASSED THE DEQ, BUKEMA'S HEAD, DEQ, REFERENCING THE CONTAMINATION AT FIRE STATION 1. TRUSTEE WATERSON NOTED THAT WAS GREAT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE ROAD SURVEY IS BEING MAILED - BULK MAIL. TRUSTEE WATERSON REPORTED THAT THE RESIDENTS LIKED THE PLAYGROUND-EQUIPMENT LANDSCAPING AND THE SAFETY OF IT - LOOKS GREAT. THE KIDS HAVE BEEN OUT ON IT. SHE NOTED THAT ARDMOOR PARK NEEDED SOME MAINTENANCE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT KEVIN HAS CLEANED IT UP.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NONE

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

NONE

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

CLERK DUCK NOTED THAT CONSUMERS ENERGY NOTIFIED THE TOWNSHIP THAT THEY HAVE HIRED A COMPANY TO CHECK THE POWER POLES FOR SAFETY FACTORS – IF ANYONE VIEWS AN INDIVIDUAL AROUND THE POLES THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE DOING. TRUSTEE JOHNSON ASKED IF THE MORATORIUM FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA WAS STILL ON. SUPERVISOR SPRAU REPLIED YES. THERE WAS DISCUSSION REFERENCING ADDITIONAL ELECTION REFORMS.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Thomas Sprau, Supervisor



Alberta Duck, Clerk