

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
MAY 10, 2012
MINUTES**

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY,
MAY 10, 7:30 P.M., BOARD 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

**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 –
QUORUM WAS PRESENT.**

4. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2012 MINUTES

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED
BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE APRIL 12, 2012 MINUTES, AS
SUBMITTED.**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR
DELETIONS. 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 – 63rd DISTRICT NEWSLETTER
- (3) REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL – 62nd DISTRICT INFORMATION
- (4) FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS REPORT

CLERK DUCK ANNOUNCED THAT SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND IS SPRING CLEANUP FOR THE RESIDENTS OF BEDFORD AT FIRE STATION 3, MORGAN ROAD, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON, AND SHE SPOKE ABOUT GRANT MONEY FOR THE ADA (AMERICAN DISABILITY ASSOCIATION) PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATIC DOORS AT FIRE STATION 2 AND 3. SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GRANT SUBMITTED AND MUST APPLY FOR THE GRANT MONEY BY MAY 31ST. THE PAPERWORK FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE PARTISAN PARTIES IS DUE MAY 15, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M. THE NON-PARTISAN PAPERWORK FOR CANDIDATES IS DUE JULY 19, 2012

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

CAPTAIN MAX SAXTON, CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT, ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS RUNNING FOR THE SHERIFF'S POSITION. SHERIFF BYNUM IS RETIRING. HE GAVE A SYNOPSIS OF HIS LIFE CYCLE.

STEVE FRISBEE, CALHOUN COMMISSIONER, ENDORSED MAX SAXTON. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE WAS THE RIGHT PERSON FOR THE JOB AND HAS BEEN A GOOD FRIEND FOR MANY YEARS. COMMISSIONER FRISBEE REPORTED ON COUNTY BUSINESS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A VOTE FOR E-911. \$2.25 PER DEVICE, PER MONTH-- \$27.00 a YEAR PER DEVICE.

TRUSTEE WATERSON WANTED TO TABLE RES. 5/10/12/21 TO REVIEW THE PURCHASE OPTIONS.

TRUSTEE WATERSON REQUESTED THAT ADDED VERBIAGE BE INCLUDED REFERENCING THE STATEMENT 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. THE ADDED VERBIAGE WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE JUNE 14, 2012 BOARD MEETING UNDER NUMBER 4, SUBTITLE; APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF MARTY ULDRIKS EXPLAINED THAT THERE IS A TEN YEAR WARRANTY THAT GOES ALONG WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND AFTER FIVE YEARS THE EQUIPMENT BELONGS TO BEDFORD WITH THE TEN-YEAR WARRANTY. MARTY EXPLAINED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLIED FOR A GRANT FOR THE EQUIPMENT BUT WAS REJECTED ALONG WITH OTHER UNITS. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE AIR-PACS THEY HAVE NOW THE MANUFACTURE HAS GONE OUT OF BUSINESS, AND IF ONE OF THEM

BREAKS, THEY HAVE TO FIND SURPLUS. IT IS GETTING REMOTE. CAPTAIN GODDE HAD FIRE FIGHTER GYSEL DEMONSTRATE HOW THE EQUIPMENT WORKED. TRUSTEE WATERSON NOTED SHE WAS NOT AGAINST THE EQUIPMENT. SHE WOULD LIKE THE BOARD TO LOOK AT THE OPTIONS FOR PURCHASE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT WHEN HE TOOK OVER AS SUPERVISOR IN 2007, THE TOWNSHIP WAS IN THE RED BY \$385,000 AND NOW THE TOWNSHIP IS IN THE BLACK BY \$378,000.00, WHICH IS IN THE GENERAL FUND. HE NOTED THAT RESETTING THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN ALL THE PARKS IS \$21,000.00, THE BEDFORD DRAIN IS \$22,000.00 PLUS INTEREST, WHICH THE TOWNSHIP HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSE IS \$28,000 AND \$9,000. NONE OF THESE ITEMS WERE BUDGETED. SUPERVISOR SPRAU THOUGHT THE LEASE WAS THE WAY TO GO. TRUSTEE HARVEY NOTED THAT HE EXPRESSED HIS OPINION AT ONE OF THE BOARD MEETINGS AND FELT IT WAS A SAFETY ISSUE AND THE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PURCHASED. TRUSTEE WATERSON INDICATED THAT SHE REQUESTED THE MOTION TO BE TABLED. SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THE MOTION DIED DUE TO LACK OF SUPPORT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS. THERE WERE NONE.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 5/10/12/19 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF: \$62,884.05.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS REFERENCING THE BILLS. THERE WERE NONE.

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

DERRICK WALTERS, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES IN BEDFORD. ASSISTED FIRE CHIEF ULDRIKS REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

RES. 5/10/12/20 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER APPARATUS (MODEM BUNDLE) FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINES 532 AND 533. THE COST IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,412.00 FROM DIGITAL HIGHWAY.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MOTION. THERE WERE NOT ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

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

RES. 5/10/12/21 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY CLERK DUCK, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM COMMUNITY LEASING PARTNERS. EQUIPMENT IS A FIVE – YEAR- TERM- ANNUAL PAYMENT OF \$24,795.19. TOTAL IS \$123,864.00.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MOTION. THERE WERE NOT ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

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

RES. 5/10/12/22 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FROM DOUGLASS SAFETY SYSTEMS LLC FOR WATER & ICE RESCUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,086.00.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MOTION. THERE WERE NOT ANY QUESTIONS OR 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.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE SET BY THE END OF THE MONTH OR THE BEGINNING OF JUNE. THE COMPANY THAT IS DOING IT HAD OTHER JOBS THAT THEY HAD TO COMPLETE.

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NONE

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NONE

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE WATERSON INFORMED THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS THAT THE BATTLE CREEK SHOPPER HAD TWO (2) GREAT ARTICLES REFERENCING, E-911, WHICH SHE SUPPORTS, AND ALSO AN ARTICLE ON THE STREET COURT PROGRAM, WHICH IS FOR NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS.

CLERK DUCK EXPLAINED THAT THE CONTRACT WITH TDS WAS ABOUT TO EXPIRE. SHE PASSED OUT DATA RATES FROM TDS AND CLIMAX PHONE SERVICE FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO REVIEW. THE TOWNSHIP'S CURRENT PHONE SYSTEM IS COMPATIBLE WITH TDS AND CLIMAX. SOME OF THE OTHER SERVICE COMPANIES WOULD NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE CURRENT PHONE SYSTEM – THIS WOULD BE A GREAT EXPENSE FOR THE TOWNSHIP TO PURCHASE A NEW PHONE SYSTEM. TRUSTEE SHAW, MEMBER OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE, REPORTED THAT THE ROAD COMMITTEE IS GOING TO MAIL OUT A SURVEY TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO SEE WHAT OPTIONS THE PEOPLE WOULD DESIRE FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROADS. WHEN THE SURVEYS ARE MAILED BACK, THE COMMITTEE WILL DO A TALLY AND SEE WHAT DIRECTION THE TOWNSHIP WOULD GO. SHE ALSO NOTED THAT SOMEONE IS DISTRIBUTING A LETTER ABOUT THE CONDITION OF THE ROADS IN BEDFORD WITH KEVIN HENNING'S, CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MANAGING DIRECTOR, PHONE NUMBER. SHE EXPRESSED THEY MUST NOT KNOW ABOUT THE ROAD COMMITTEE AND THE DEALINGS OF THE ROAD PROBLEM IN BEDFORD. SHE EXPRESSED, TO EVERYONE, TO CONVEY THAT THE ROAD COMMITTEE IS TRYING TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM WITH THE SURVEY TO SEE WHAT THE BEDFORD PROPERTY OWNERS WANT TO DO.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

CLERK DUCK NOTED THAT THE SCHOOL ELECTION WAS CERTIFIED.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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


Thomas Sprau, Supervisor


Alberta Duck, Clerk