

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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 -
QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9, 2012 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON,
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 9, 2012 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS,
CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS. THERE WERE NONE.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING REFERENCING THE
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY -- 4.5 MILLS WHICH
IS A RENEWAL AND NOT AN INCREASE. THE PUBLIC HEARING IS PUBLICIZED
EVERY SEPTEMBER. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY
COMMENTS REFERENCING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THERE WERE NOT
ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

6. CITIZEN'S TIME

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE. MR. PARDEIK COMMENTED ABOUT THE BURNING ORDINANCE, THE BURNING OF LEAVES AND IF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD, ANSWER CALLS ON VIOLATIONS. SPRAU NOTED IF THERE IS A VIOLATION, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WOULD RESPOND. MR. FOSS EXPRESSED HIS OPINION REFERENCING THE DONATION OF THE RADIOS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT GOING TO ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT IN A DIFFERENT COUNTRY. SPRAU NOTED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZED THE DONATION, AND HE NOTED THE BOARD CONCLUDED IT WAS FOR A WORTHY CAUSE. MR. FOSS IMPLIED THAT THE TOWNSHIP PROPERTY SHOULD BE AUCTIONED. MRS. BANASZAK INQUIRED ABOUT THE POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT -- IF THE TOWNSHIP NEEDED THE FUNDING OR IF IT COULD BE REDUCED. SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT LAST YEAR BEDFORD COLLECTED AROUND \$796,000.00. THIS YEAR AT THE END OF AUGUST, BEDFORD HAD ALREADY SPENT OVER \$100,000.00 MORE THAN WAS COLLECTED ON POLICE AND FIRE, WHICH CAME OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND. SPRAU NOTED THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS NEEDED FOR POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY. BANASZAK INQUIRED ABOUT AGENDAS FOR THE AUDIENCE. THERE WAS DIALOGED REFERENCING THE AGENDA, AND THE MATTER WAS RESOLVED FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. MRS. STOTZ COMMENTED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE BURNING PERMITS. MR. TIM WOODS COMMENTED ON THE BLIGHT IN THE TOWNSHIP AND FELT THE ISSUE IS NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF. MR. TIM WOODS INQUIRED ABOUT THE HOURS OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS. SHAW EXPOUNDED ON THE POLICIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS. SHE INFERRED THAT YOU CANNOT MANDATE THEIR HOURS. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION ON BLIGHT.

COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS FAXes

CLERK DUCK REPORTED ON THE COMMUNICATIONS.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 9/13/12/35 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS LISTED IN THE AMOUNT: \$49,453.26.

SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE BILLS. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS.

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

RES. 9/13/12/36 MOVED BY TRUSTEE WATERSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER

TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AUTHORIZE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ENTER INTO A COMERICA BANK DEPARTMENT INTERNAL FUNDS TRANSFER SERVICE AGREEMENT. THE FOLLOWING AUTHORIZED

AGENTS ARE THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR AND CHRISANDRA L. DEZOTELL, TREASURER, TO BE SIGNERS FOR ACCOUNTS AND TRANSFER FUNDS AT COMERICA'S DEPARTMENT.

SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS A NEW PROCEDURE THAT COMERICA REQUESTED COMPLIANCE FROM THE TOWNSHIP.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES IN BEDFORD. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSFARGER REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

NO ACTION

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

MR. FRISBIE REPORTED ON COUNTY BUSINESS -- DISPATCH AND HOW TO PROCEED, ROAD COMMISSION ISSUES AND VARIOUS COUNTY BUSINESS.

9. CITIZEN'S TIME

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS,

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU AGAIN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE PUBLIC HEARING REFERENCING POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS. SPRAU CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING – POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY – SPECIAL ASSESSMENT.

RES. 9/13/12/37 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR POLICE/PUBLIC SAFETY, EFFECTIVE 2012 ASSESSMENT LEVY. FURTHER, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES ARE TO BE ESTABLISHED AS ALL OF THE LANDS AND PREMISES IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD. FURTHER, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IS TO BE ESTABLISHED AT

4.5 MILLS, AND THE SUPERVISOR IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO SPREAD THE MILLS LEVIED OVER ALL LANDS AND PREMISES. THE FOUR-AND-HALF (4.5) MILLS WILL GENERATE \$804,040.00 FOR THE YEAR 2012.

THERE WAS NOT ANY COMMENTS OR DISCUSSION REFERENCING THE MOTION.

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

RES. 9/13/12/38 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ESTABLISH MILLAGE AT .8919 FOR GENERAL OPERATING ON ALL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD. IN ADDITION, THE CLERK IS TO NOTIFY THE ASSESSOR BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2012, TO LEVY AND SPREAD FOR GENERAL OPERATIONS. THE MILLAGE WILL GENERATE \$159,360.00 FOR THE YEAR 2012

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT SPREADING OF THE OPERATING MILLAGE IS DONE EACH YEAR SO THE TOWNSHIP CAN COLLECT IT.

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

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NO ACTION

12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

SUPERVISOR SPRAU DISCUSSED INNOVATIVE AND THE DNR'S MEETING REFERENCING FIRE STATION 1 CONTAMINATION. HE NOTED THAT NO DECISION WAS MADE AT THIS POINT.

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE PAY RAISES FOR THE FIRE FIGHTERS.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIALS

SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES WERE DUE SEPTEMBER 14TH WITHOUT PENALTY.

15. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Supervisor


Clerk