
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013
MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR; JOYCE FERACO, CLERK; CHRISANDRA DEZOTELL, TREASURER; CONNIE GIBSON, TRUSTEE; ANDY JONES, TRUSTEE; RICHARD HARVEY, TRUSTEE; SALLY SHAW, TRUSTEE – A QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF JULY 11, 2013 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2013 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DELETIONS OR CORRECTIONS. THERE WAS NO ACTION.

ROLL CALL: GIBSON, YES; SHAW, YES; FERACO, YES; HARVEY, YES; JONES, YES; SPRAU, YES; DEZOTELL, YES – 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU RECOGNIZED FIRE CHIEF LARRY COCHENSPARGER. COCHENSPARGER CONVEYED THAT TIM WILCOX, FIREFIGHTER, RETIRED FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WITH 26 YEARS OF SERVICE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO TIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE -- EVERYONE WISHED TIM WELL.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXES

CLERK FERACO REPORTED ON THE MTA FAXES AND NOTED THAT THE RECYCLING BIN FROM CALHOUN COUNTY SHOULD BE HERE SATURDAY, AUGUST 10.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO COMMENTS

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 8/8/13/23 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS LISTED IN THE AMOUNT: \$215,888. 98.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE BILLS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

ROLL CALL: DEZOTELL, YES; GIBSON, YES; SHAW, YES; FERACO, YES; HARVEY, YES; JONES, YES; SPRAU, YES – 7 YES, 0 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

OFFICER WALTERS, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSPARGER REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

NO ACTION

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU INTRODUCED JASON ORTON, CHAPMAN INSURANCE AGENCY. MR. ORTON NOTED THAT A FEW YEARS AGO THE TOWNSHIP ELECTED HIS AGENCY TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP. HE NOTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP IS VERY LOW WITH CLAIMS AND SOME PRELIMINARY NUMBERS HAVE COME BACK FROM THE INSURANCE CARRIERS. ONE INSURANCE CARRIER IS A LITTLE BIT LOWER THAN THE INSURANCE CARRIER WE HAVE NOW. HE NOTED HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE SUPERVISOR IN A FEW WEEKS TO DETAIL THE INSURANCE CARRIERS VALUES. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THE BOARD WOULD LIKE HIM TO DO THE SAME THING WITH THE AUDIT. THE BOARD MEMBERS WERE AFFIRMATIVE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NO ACTION

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NO ACTION

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

NO ACTION

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

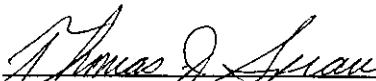
MR. HAROLD MC DONALD COMMENTED ON THE ROAD PATCH JOB THAT CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT DID ON KIRBY ROAD. THERE WAS DISCUSSION BY SALLY SHAW REFERENCING THE ROAD CREW PATCHING POTHOLES THROUGH THE TOWNSHIP. SHE NOTED THAT THE COUNTY WAS OUT EARLIER WITH THE SPRAY PATCH AND THE EMULSION FILLING POTHOLES. SHE STIPULATED THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO GET THE WORK DONE. IT IS BETTER THAN WHAT IT WAS. SHE REALIZED THE ROADS NEED A LOT OF WORK. SHAW AND SPRAU NOTED THEY ARE WORKING ON THE SITUATION WITH THE ROAD DEPARTMENT.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR ELECTED OFFICIALS

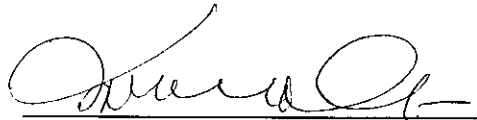
NO ACTION

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Thomas J. Sprau, Supervisor



Joyce Feraco, Clerk