

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2013**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT: TOM SPRAU, SUPERVISOR; JOYCE FERACO, CLERK; CHRIS DEZOTELL, TREASURER; CONNIE GIBSON, TRUSTEE; DICK HARVEY, TRUSTEE; ANDY JONES, TRUSTEE; SALLY SHAW, TRUSTEE**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2013 MINUTES**

**MOVED BY TRUSTEE JONES, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2013 MINUTES.**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DELETIONS AND CORRECTION REFERENCING THE MINUTES. THERE WERE NOT ANY CHANGES.**

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

**5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**RES. 12/12/13/38 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE JONES, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT THE 2014 REGULAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE. BOARD MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 6:00 P.M. (JANUARY 9, FEBRUARY 13, MARCH 13, APRIL 10, MAY 8, JUNE 12, JULY 10, AUGUST 14, SEPTEMBER 11, OCTOBER 9, NOVEMBER 13, DECEMBER 11).**

**THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REFERENCING THE MOTION.**

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

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP INSIGHT**

**(2) REPORT FROM MICHAEL FARMER -- BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
CLERK REPORTED ON THE COMMUNIQUE.**

**7. CITIZEN'S TIME**

**NO COMMENTS**

**8. REPORTS**

**(A) FINANCE**

**RES. 12/12/13/39 MOVED BY HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY DEZOTELL,  
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF  
BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF FOR BILLS: \$249,964.47.**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS. THERE  
WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS**

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

**RES. 12/12/13/40 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE  
HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER  
TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD, PURSUANT TO PA 333, 1982, DOES HEREBY APPROVE  
THE CERTIFICATIONS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BATTLE  
CREEK SCHOOLS, KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CALHOUN  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PENNFIELD SCHOOLS, FOR THE  
SUMMER TAX LEVY OF ONE HALF OF THE SCHOOL PROPERTY TAXES ON  
THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD'S PORTION OF SAID SCHOOL  
DISTRICTS COMMENCING JULY 1, 2014.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
DIRECTS THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER TO COLLECT SAID TAXES IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SAID PUBLIC ACT AND THE REASONABLE EXPENSES  
INCURRED IN ASSESSING AND COLLECTING. SAID TAXES SHALL BE BILLED  
TO SAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS PROVIDED IN SAID PUBLIC ACT.**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THE BOARD DOES THIS MOTION EACH YEAR TO COLLECT THE TAXES FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

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

**RES. 12/12/13/41 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD DOES HEREBY APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WILLARD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LEVY OF SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES OF 2.0 MILLS ON THE PORTION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD'S SUMMER PROPERTY TAX ON JULY 1, 2014.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD DIRECTS THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER TO COLLECT SAID TAXES FOR WILLARD PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND THE REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN ASSESSING AND COLLECTING.**

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE BOARD AUTHORIZES THIS MOTION TO COLLECT THE TAXES FOR THE LIBRARY.**

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

**RES. 12/12/13/42 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO CONTRACT SERVICES WITH FLEIS & VANDENBRINK FOR THEIR PROFESSIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR BEDFORD FIRE STATION 1 SITE, 21962 BEDFORD ROAD (M-37), BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN. THE AMOUNT IS NOT TO EXCEED \$45,000.00.**

**ROLL CALL: DEZOTELL, YES; SPRAU, YES; JONES, YES; SHAW, YES, GIBSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; FERACO, YES -- 7 YES, 0, EXCUSED, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RES. 12/12/13/43 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO EXCUSE CHRISANDRA DEZOTELL FROM VOTING ON RES. 12/12/13/44, BECAUSE HER HUSBAND WORKS FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD. THIS ESTABLISHES A CONFLICT OF INTEREST.**

**ROLL CALL: FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, EXCUSED; SPRAU, YES; JONES, YES; SHAW, YES; GIBSON, YES; HARVEY, YES -- 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**RES/ 12/12/13/44 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO FINANCE A 2013 FORD F-350 TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT -- PROJECTABLE AMOUNT IS \$34,000.00.**

**ROLL CALL: HARVEY, YES; FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; SPRAU, YES; JONES, YES; SHAW, YES; GIBSON, YES -- 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 EXCUSED.**

**RES. 12/12/13/45 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD;**

**WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE TOWNSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISION OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ACT PERTINENT THERETO COVERING THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2013;**

**WHEREAS, AS A RESULT OF CHANGES IN THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES AND UNANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES, IT APPEARS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP TO MODIFY THE AFORESAID BUDGET TO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATIONS AND REALLOCATION OF DEPARTMENT FUNDS OF THE UNENCUMBERED SURPLUS FUNDS WHILE STILL MAINTAINING A BALANCED BUDGET BETWEEN TOTAL REVENUES AND ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES, AND**

**NOW, THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 28 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ACT, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BUDGET BE HEREBY MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:**

**2013 DEPARTMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURES**

**THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL:**

|                     | <u>INCREASE</u>     |                    | <u>DECREASE</u>    |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| TOWNSHIP BOARD      | \$7,700.00          | SUPERVISOR         | \$ 900.00          |
| PLANNING COMMISSION | 305.00              | ELECTION           | 9,530.00           |
| BLDG. INSPECTOR     | 8,050.00            | CLERK              | 5,900.00           |
| ELEC. INSPECTOR     | 5,910.00            | FIRE               | 21,500.00          |
| PLG. INSPECTOR      | 5,905.00            | PARKS & RECREATION | 3,550.00           |
| MECH. INSPECTOR     | 10,330.00           | ASSESSOR           | <u>8,000.00</u>    |
| CENTRAL DISPATCH    | 27,818.00           |                    |                    |
| AMBULANCE DISPATCH  | 6,100.00            |                    |                    |
| CEMETERY            | 6,375.00            |                    |                    |
| BLDG. & GROUNDS     | <u>40,897.00</u>    |                    |                    |
| <b>TOTAL _____</b>  | <b>\$119,390.00</b> | <b>TOTAL _____</b> | <b>\$49,380.00</b> |

**SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THIS AMENDS THE 2013 BUDGET, BUT DOES NOT CHANGE THE 2013 GENERAL BUDGET AMOUNT.**

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

**(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**NO ACTION**

**(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**RES. 12/12/13/46 MOVED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO REAPPOINT AND APPOINT THE VARIOUS INDIVIDUALS TO BOARDS AND TO COMMISSIONS:**

| <b><u>PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS 2013</u></b> | <b><u>EXPIRATION OF TERMS</u></b>              |
|--|--|
| Mark Hires                                     | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/14 (1 yr. term)                |
| Barb Jones                                     | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/14 (1 yr. term)                |
| O'Dell Miller                                  | 1/1/14 --12/31/15 (2 yr. term)                 |
| John Wood                                      | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/15 (2 yr. term)                |
| Marc Bennison                                  | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/16 (3 yr. term)                |
| Mark Haneault                                  | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/16 (3 yr. term)                |
| Richard Harvey                                 | (Trustee) expiration of term November 20, 2016 |

**BOARD OF APPEAL**

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| Joseph Cipicic | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/14 (1 yr. term)                |
| Joan Goodale   | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/15 (2 yr. term)                |
| Richard Harvey | (Trustee) expiration of term November 20, 2016 |
| Bobby Hires    | 1/1/14 -- 12/31/14 (1 yr. term)                |

(Chairperson from the Planning Commission shall sit on the Board of Appeal as the Chairperson)

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE RESOLUTION SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

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

**(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

NO ACTION

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RES. 12/12/13/47 MOVED BY CLERK FERACO, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO RELEASE BURNHAM AND FLOWER AS BEDFORD'S MEDICAL CARRIER AND CONTRACT SERVICES WITH JOHN TER AVEST AGENCY FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE.**

SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THERE HAS BEEN PRIOR DISCUSSION ON THE MEDICAL CARRIER.

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

**10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

NO ACTION

**11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

NO ACTION

**12. CITIZEN'S TIME**

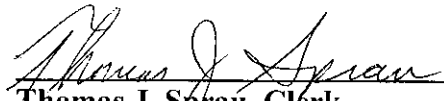
MRS. MARY HARVEY COMMENTED ON THE GREAT JOB THE BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT DOES. MARJORIE BEAMISH PRAISED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE.


**13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR TOWNSHIP 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, Clerk

  
Joyce Feraco, Clerk