

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
MINUTES**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013, 7:30 P.M., BOARD 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

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

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR, CHRIS DEZOTELL, TREASURER; JOYCE FERACO, CLERK; CONNIE GIBSON, TRUSTEE; RICHARD HARVEY, TRUSTEE; ANDY JONES, TRUSTEE (ARRIVED LATE, BUT WAS IN ATTENDANCE OF THE MEETING); SALLY SHAW, TRUSTEE – QUORUM WAS PRESENT.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 10, 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 JANUARY 10, 2013 MINUTES.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS REFERENCING THE MINUTES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

NO ACTION

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXes

(2) KATE SEGAL – 62ND DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

(3) JASE BOLGER – 63RD DISTRICT LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

CLERK FERACO REPORTED ON THE COMMUNIQUE.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS OR IF ANYONE WANTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 2/14/13/06 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$67,200.12.

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

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

OFFICER WALTERS, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES IN THE BEDFORD AREA. LT. GRAFFIN, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, INTRODUCED HIMSELF TO THE PUBLIC AND BOARD MEMBERS. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSPIRGER REPORTED ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

MR. STEVE FRISBEE, CALHOUN COUNTY COMMISSIONER, COMMENTED ON COUNTY BUSINESS, ROADS AND 911.

(C) BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

RES. 2/14/13/07 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO PLACE A STREETLIGHT IN FRONT OF 114 BOYES DRIVE, TO INSTALL ON A 6' ALUMINUM ARM AND TO BE INSTALLED ON AN EXISTING WOODEN POLE. THE STREETLIGHT WOULD BE A 100W HIGH PRESSURE SODIUM LIGHT AND IS TYPICAL OF THE REST OF THE

STREETLIGHTS IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. THE COST OF STREETLIGHT WOULD BE \$100.00, AND THE TOWNSHIP WOULD PAY FOR THE INSTALLATION.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS REFERENCING THE RESOLUTION. TRUSTEE SHAW ASKED WHERE BOYES DRIVE WAS LOCATED. SPRAU NOTED IT IS ONE OF THE STREETS LOCATED FROM WASHINGTON AVENUE (MORGAN WOODS/ORCHARD PARK AREA.

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

RES. 2/14/13/08 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO DIRECT THE SUPERVISOR TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE BLIGHT ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL POSITION AND THEN BRING THE POSITION BACK BEFORE THE BOARD FOR ACTION.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THE RESOLUTION. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

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

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NO ACTION

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED SPRING CLEANUP WOULD BE JUNE 1ST, FROM 8:00 P.M. TO 12:00 P.M., AT FIRE STATION 3 MORGAN ROAD.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NO ACTION

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE GIBSON EXPRESSED THAT HE FELT THE BOARD IS LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE VARIOUS BENEFITS OF THE STAFF. HE

NOTED THAT THE BUDGET HAD BEEN SET FOR THIS YEAR AND NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY HAD TAKEN PLACE FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS. ALL OF THIS WOULD BE REVIEWED FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET. HE DISCLOSED THAT HE CARES, AND HE IS LISTENING TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT HE NOTED THAT SOME THINGS CANNOT BE CHANGED THIS BUDGET YEAR.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS


MR. PLYUMER'S SPOKE ABOUT THE BLIGHT ORDINANCE.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

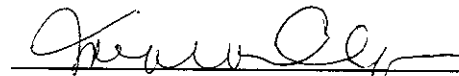
SUPERVISOR SPRAU WISHED EVERYBODY A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Thomas J. Sprau, Supervisor



Joyce Feraco, Clerk