

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013
MINUTES**

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013, 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 TOM SPRAU.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2012 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 13, 2012, MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS OR QUESTIONS REFERENCING THE MINUTES. THERE WERE NONE.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 01/10/13/01 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPOINT JOYCE FERACO, RICHARD HARVEY AND CONNIE GIBSON TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION.

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

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

RES. 01/10/13/02 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPOINT JOYCE FERACO, CLERK, AS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COORDINATOR.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE QUESTIONS. HE NOTED THE CLERK HAS BEEN THE COORDINATOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP, BECAUSE THE CLERK IS THE KEEPER OF THE RECORDS.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) MTA FAXes
- (2) REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL'S STATEMENT
- (3) REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER'S STATEMENTS
- (4) DISCUSSION ON SIMMONS'S PARK

CLERK FERACO COMMENTED ON THE COMMUNIQUE, AND NOTED THAT THE ONLY ELECTION THAT SHOULD BE THIS YEAR, WOULD BE IN MAY. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT HE RECEIVED A CALL FROM A GENTLEMAN REFERENCING SIMMONS'S PARK CONVERTING IT BACK TO A BASEBALL FIELD. HE NOTED THAT THE CITY LEAGUE CAN NO LONGER USE FELD PARK, AND THIS WOULD OPEN THE PARK BACKUP FOR BASEBALL GAMES. SPRAU NOTED THAT HE CHECKED WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM. THE ONLY COST WOULD BE MOWING THE PARK, WHICH BEDFORD ALREADY DOES AND A COST FOR A SIGN STIPULATING THE CRITERIA FOR UTILIZATION OF THE PARK. THIS WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE. TRUSTEE HARVEY INDICATED THAT IT WAS ALWAYS USED AS A BASEBALL FIELD. SPRAU NOTED THAT THE GENTLEMAN WOULD CONTACT HIM AND BRING MORE INFORMATION TO HIM. HE WOULD KEEP THE BOARD APPRISED.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS.

MR. BARRY BEAMISH EXPRESSED HIS THOUGHTS ABOUT THE BEDFORD STAFF PICKING UP 20% OF THE HEALTH CARE INSURANCE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT AT THE LAST MEETING, IT WAS DISCUSSED ABOUT THE INSURANCE QUOTES AND THE STATE INSURANCE EXCHANGE PROGRAM. TRUSTEE SHAW INFERRED ABOUT THE MEDICAL HEALTH CARE QUOTES AND VARIOUS ISSUES OF THE HEALTH CARE.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 01/10/13/03 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: \$158,686.53.

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

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

RES. 01/10/13/04 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES OF THE TREASURER, SUPERVISOR AND CLERK WITH BANK OF AMERICA AND COMERICA BANKS.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT WE HAVE A NEW CLERK, AND WE HAD TO DO NEW SIGNATURE CARDS, THAT IS WHY, WE HAVE TO DO THE RESOLUTION.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

BATTLE CREEK OFFICER WALTER'S REPORTED ON THE 911 CALL INCIDENTS, AND HOW THE CHARGES WOULD BE CALCULATED. HE NOTED THAT WHEN YOU CALLED 911 THERE WAS AN INCIDENT NUMBER, BUT BATTLE CREEK WOULD KEEP TRACK OF THEIR INCIDENTS BY REPORT NUMBERS. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSFARGER REPORTED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES. RESIDENT ASKED IF THERE WAS A NONEMERGENCY NUMBER THAT YOU COULD CALL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OR FIRE DEPARTMENT TO TALK TO SOMEONE. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ULDRIS NOTED THAT THE 911 SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED IF YOU NEEDED TO TALK TO POLICE PERSONNEL, FIRE PERSONNEL OR AMBULANCE PERSONNEL FOR EMERGENCY OR NONEMERGENCY SERVICE. RESIDENT NOTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS TO PAY FOR THAT CALL. ULDRIS EXPLAINED THAT IF THE DISPATCHER HAS TO PROCESS THAT CALL AND SEND SOMEBODY, THE BILLING PROCESS WOULD BE BASED ON SERVICES RENDERED AND NOT HOW MANY CALLS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE PHONE SURCHARGE MILLAGE BALLOT QUESTION NOT PASSING IN NOVEMBER, AND THE EXPENSE OF THE \$20.00 CALL-CHARGE ON MUNICIPALITIES. BILL WOODWARD EXPRESSED HIS OPINION ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF CALHOUN COUNTY CONSOLIDATE DISPATCH LEVYING A \$20.00 SURCHARGE TAX, FEE OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CALL IT AGAINST ALL CITIZENS IN CALHOUN COUNTY. ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF ULDRIS EXPLAINED THAT THE MOST EQUITABLE WAY TO PAY FOR THIS SERVICE WAS THROUGH THE SURCHARGE ON YOUR PHONE - - \$1.60 PLUS THE \$.60 WHICH EQUATED \$2.20. AS HE NOTED, THERE WAS A BALLOT QUESTION FOR THE PHONE SURCHARGE BUT IT DID NOT PASS BY 33 VOTES. HE NOTED THAT BECAUSE WE LOST THAT PROPOSAL, WE HAVE TO COME UP WITH A WAY TO FUND THE CENTER. MARTY NOTED THAT THE \$20.00 SERVICE CALL IS BEING REVIEWED THROUGH THE SUPERVISORS, WHICH TOM IS ON BOARD AND

AMSA. WE NEED TO SEE HOW ALL THIS SHAKES OUT AND SIT DOWN AND FIND A METHOD THAT WORKS. THIS IS A DONE DEAL AT THIS TIME. HE NOTED THAT AFTER EVERYONE GETS THE FIRST BILL, BEDFORD WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE HOW THIS WILL PROCESS, AND WE WILL HAVE TO GO FROM THERE. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION ON THE \$20.00 SERVICE FEE.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

NO ACTION

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NO ACTION

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NO ACTION

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

NO ACTION

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

NO ACTION

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

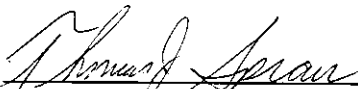
THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON BLIGHT. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED WE HAVE TO RUN THROUGH THE LEGAL HOOPS JUST LIKE EVERYONE. THE CERTIFIED LETTERS GO TO THE OWNER. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES AND THE COST.

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

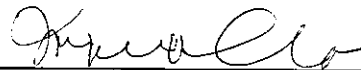
NO ACTION

14. ADJOURNMENT

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



Thomas J. Sprau, Supervisor



Joyce Feraco, Clerk