
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

JULY 11, 2013
MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013, 7:30 P.M., BEDFORD MEETING ROOM, 115 SOUTH ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, 49037

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

THE MEETING WAS CALLED BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS SAID BY THE AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS.

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2013 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE JONES, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE JUNE 13, 2013 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

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

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. 7/11/13/20 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR SPRAU, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO SUPPORT AN APPLICATION TO THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM CATEGORY A OF THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP HAS BECOME AWARE THAT COSMA INTERNATIONAL IS OPENING A NEW FACILITY, AND DENSO IS EXPANDING ITS FACILITY NEAR THE COMMUNITY; AND

WHEREAS, THESE TWO COMPANIES WILL CREATE APPROXIMATELY 750 NEW JOBS WITHIN THE REGION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE THE NEW TRAFFIC THAT WILL UTILIZE THESE ROUTES, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENTS TO M-89 FROM CUSTER DRIVE TO DICKMAN ROAD (I-94 BL); AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES THAT HE PROPOSED INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WILL ENHANCE THE GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP STRONGLY DESIRES THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE REGION; AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MATCH FOR THIS PROJECT;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWNSHIP SUPPORTS THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM CATEGORY A OF THE TRANSPORTATION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

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

RES. 7/11/13/21 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO HIRE MICHAEL B. ORTEGA, ENVIRONMENTALIST ATTORNEY, TO REVIEW THE CONTAMINATION DATA AT FIRE STATION 1 AND TO REPRESENT BEDFORD FOR FUTURE PROCEEDINGS IF NECESSARY. MUNICIPAL RATE IS \$250.00/HOUR.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- (1) MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION FAXES**
- (2) STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASE BOLGER**

(3) STATE REPRESENTATIVE KATE SEGAL

CLERK FERACO ACKNOWLEDGED ALL COMMUNIQUÉS.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

NO ACTION

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 7/11/13/ 22 MOVED BY TRUSTEE JONES, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$81,292.84

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS BY THE BOARD. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

OFFICER WALTERS, BATTLE CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT, REPORTED ON ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP. FIRE CHIEF COCHENSPARGER DETAILED ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

(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

THERE WAS DISCUSSION REFERENCING RESCINDING THE YARD SALE, BASEMENT SALE AND GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE AND DISCUSSION REFERENCING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN ORDINANCE TO "PROHIBIT DONATION BOXES".

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS

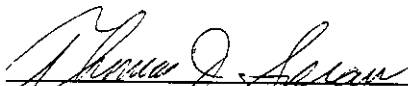
NO ACTION

13. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHAIR, CHAIRPERSONS OR TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS


SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED THAT THE HE JULY BOARD OF REVIEW IS CONVENING TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013, 2:00 P.M. TO CORRECT CLERICAL ERRORS AND MUTUAL MISTAKES OF FACT ONLY. THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS HOLDING WORKSHOPS REFERENCING THE "ZONING ORDINANCE" MONDAY, JULY 22 AT 6:00 P.M. AND MONDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2013 -- UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE. MOTION CARRIED.



Thomas J. Sprau, Supervisor



Joyce Feraco, Clerk