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

THE BOARD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013, 7:30 P.M., 115 SOUTH ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN, 49014.

1. CALL TO ORDER

SUPERVISOR SPRAU CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 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 OCTOBER 10, 2013 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CORRECTIONS OR DELETIONS. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2014 BUDGET. THE BUDGET IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,916,127.00. PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED IN THE BATTLE CREEK SHOPPER -- OCTOBER 31, 2013 AND NOVEMBER 7, 2013 AND WAS PLACED ON THE WEBSITE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THIS WOULD BE REFERENCED THROUGH THE MEETING.

RES. 11/14/13/33 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SPRAU, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER

TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO PROCLAIM HOLIDAY SEASON IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION DECEMBER 13, 2013 TO JANUARY 1, 2014;

WHEREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES INVOLVING ALCOHOL (WITH AT LEAST ONE DRIVER WITH A BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION OF .08 GRAMS PER DECILITER OR ABOVE) ACCOUNTED FOR 31% OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES IN 2011 (KILLING 9,878 PEOPLE) AND INJURED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS MORE EVERY YEAR IN THE UNITED STATES; AND

WHEREAS, THE MID DECEMBER THROUGH NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SEASON IS TRADITIONALLY ONE OF THE MOST DEADLY TIMES OF THE YEAR FOR ALCOHOL-IMPAIRED DRIVING; AND

WHEREAS, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION, ONE-THIRD OF THE PERSONS KILLED IN ALCOHOL RELATED CRASHES ARE NOT THE IMPAIRED PERSONS THEMSELVES, BUT THEIR PASSENGERS, OCCUPANTS OF OTHER VEHICLES, PEDESTRIANS, OR BICYCLISTS; AND

WHEREAS, ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE NATION ARE JOINING TOGETHER TO PROMOTE THE "DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER" NATIONAL PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES DURING THE DECEMBER 13, 2013 TO JANUARY 1, 2014 TIME PERIOD;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS J. SPRAU, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM DECEMBER 13, 2013 TO JANUARY 1, 2014 AS "HOLIDAY SEASON IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION" IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD. WE CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BUSINESS LEADERS, HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, SCHOOLS, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF THE IMPARTED DRIVING PROBLEM, TO PROMOTE SAFER AND HEALTHIER BEHAVIORS REGARDING THE USE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS AND TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

(1) MTA INSIGHTS (MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION)

THERE WAS NOT ANY OTHER COMMUNIQUE BESIDE THE MTA INSIGHT. CLERK FERACO WELCOMED TRUSTEE HARVEY BACK FROM HIS ILLNESS.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 11/14/13/34 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TREASURER DEZOTELL, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$70,603.27.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE BILLS. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

RES. 11/14/13/35 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AUTHORIZE THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT;

WHEREAS, PART 52 (STRATEGIC WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES) OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1994 PA 451, AS AMENDED (“PART 52”), PROVIDES AT MCL 324.5204e THAT THE MICHIGAN FINANCE AUTHORITY (THE “MFA”) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (THE “DEQ”) SHALL ESTABLISH A STRATEGIC WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM; AND

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 2012 PA 511 WHICH PROVIDES GRANTS TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR SEWAGE COLLECTION AND TREATMENT SYSTEMS OR STORM WATER OR NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION CONTROL; AND

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF 1985 PA 227, AS AMENDED, PART 52, AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF LAW, THE MFA, THE DEQ, AND THE MUNICIPALITY THAT IS A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT (THE “SAW GRANT AGREEMENT”) THAT REQUIRES THE MUNICIPALITY TO REPAY THE GRANT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS AS ST FORTH IN MCL 324.5204e, AS AMENDED; AND

WHEREAS, THE MUNICIPALITY DOES HEREBY DETERMINE IT NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE DETERMINATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY THAT AT THIS TIME, A GRANT IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$650,000.00 ("GRANT") BE REQUESTED FROM THE MFA AND THE DEQ TO PAY FOR THE ABOVE-MENTIONED UNDERTAKING(S); AND

WHEREAS, THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL OBTAIN THE GRANT BY ENTERING INTO THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT WITH MFA AND THE DEQ.

NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR, IS DESIGNATED AS THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE FOR PURPOSES OF THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT.**
- 2. THE PROPOSED FORM OF THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY, MFA AND DEQ IS HEREBY APPROVED AND THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SUCH REVISIONS AS ARE PERMITTED BY LAW AND AGREED TO BY THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE.**
- 3. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REPAY THE GRANT, WITHIN 90 DAYS OF BEING INFORMED TO DO SO, WITH INTEREST AT A RATE NOT TO EXCEED 8 PERCENT PER YEAR, TO THE AUTHORITY IF THE MUNICIPALITY IS UNABLE TO, OR DECIDES NOT TO, PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTING THE PROJECT OR IMPLEMENTING THE ASSET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE FUNDING IS PROVIDED WITHIN 3 YEARS OF THE GRANT AWARD.**
- 4. THE GRANT, IF REPAYABLE, SHALL BE A FIRST BUDGET OBLIGATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND THE MUNICIPALITY IS REQUIRED, IF NECESSARY, TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE MUNICIPALITY FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE CONSTITUTION, STATUTORY AND MUNICIPALITY TAX RATE LIMITATIONS.**
- 5. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL NOT INVEST, REINVEST OR ACCUMULATE ANY MONEYS DEEMED TO BE GRANT FUNDS, NOR SHALL IT USE GRANT FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES OR ACTIVITIES PERFORMED BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES THAT ARE UNRELATED TO THE PROJECT.**
- 6. THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS HEREBY JOINTLY OR SEVERALLY AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MFA AND THE DEQ IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUANCE OF THE GRANT. THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IS HEREBY JOINTLY OR SEVERALLY AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER SUCH OTHER CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATES,**

DOCUMENTS, INSTRUMENTS, APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PAPERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE MFA OR THE DEQ OR AS MAY BE OTHERWISE NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE APPROVAL AND DELIVERY OF THE GRANT.

7. THE MUNICIPALITY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE SAW GRANT AGREEMENT IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE MUNICIPALITY, THE MFA AND THE DEQ.
8. ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTION INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION ARE RESCINDED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THIS RESOLUTION CAME ABOUT BECAUSE THE SEWER CONTRACT WITH THE CITY EXPIRED WITH THE TOWNSHIPS. FLIES AND VANDENBRINK GOT INVOLVED IN THIS; BEDFORD, EMMETT, PENNFIELD, SPRINGFIELD AND LEROY. THIS IS A TEN PERCENT GRANT (10%), NO GUARANTEE, WHICH FLIES AND VANDENBRINK ARE FILING ON THE BEHALF OF ALL THE TOWNSHIPS EXCEPT PENNFIELD. THEY WENT WITH CEI, CIVIL ENGINEERING, RATHER THAN FLIES AND VANDENBRINK. BATTLE CREEK CITY WANT TO TRIPLE THE SEWER RATES TO OUR RESIDENTS IN ORCHARD PARK/MORGAN WOODS. THE SAW GRANT WOULD ASSIST IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE AGE OF THE LIFT STATIONS AND WHAT KIND OF SHAPE THEY ARE IN. THIS WOULD HELP US COME UP WITH A PROGRAM. BEDFORD IS GOING TO HAVE TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR THE MAINTENANCE. PENNFIELD AND BEDFORD HAVE THE MOST LIFT STATIONS OF THE TOWNSHIPS. THIS IS THE MOST COST. THIS IS TO GET IT SUBMITTED, AND THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT WE WILL GET IT.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT IF ANYONE HAS ANY QUESTIONS, HE WOULD TRY TO ANSWER THEM. MARTY ULDRIKS NOTED THAT THE LIFT STATIONS IN BEDFORD ARE AROUND ST. MARY'S LAKE. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT WAS CORRECT. HE NOTED THAT BEDFORD HAS 18 AND PENNFIELD HAS MORE THAN WE DO. THE CITY HAS SOME. IT WAS INFERRED THAT CITY WOULD NOT PICK UP THAT BILL.

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

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

(C) **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

NO ACTION

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

NO ACTION

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS REFERENCING THE 2014 BUDGET. THERE WERE NOT ANY COMMENTS. THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2014 BUDGET WAS CLOSED.

RES. 11/14/13/36 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SPRAU, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD:

WHEREAS, TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS RETAINED A BUDGET WORKSHOP FOR THE 2014 BUDGET, AND THE SUPERVISOR ITEMIZED AN ESTIMATE OF ANTICIPATED EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWNSHIP ACTIVITIES UNDER HIS CHARGE FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR OF THE TOWNSHIP, AND

WHEREAS, THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES SHALL BE PAID ON A PER MEETING BASES WHEN IN ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS, AND

WHEREAS, ON THE BASIS OF THE FOREGOING, THE SUPERVISOR HAS PREPARED A COMPLETE ITEMIZED BUDGET PROPOSAL AND HAS SUBMITTED THE SAME TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, AND

WHEREAS, A PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN HELD BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD ON SAID PROPOSED BUDGET AND PUBLISHED NOTICES, AS REGARD BY SECTION 26 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP ACT, AND

WHEREAS, ALL PERSONS PRESENT AT SAID PUBLIC HEARING WERE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD ON SAID PROPOSED BUDGET, AND

WHEREAS, SUCH PROPOSED BUDGET, AS MODIFIED, IN THE OPINION OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP AND REASONABLE AND PROPER,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, THAT SAID BUDGET IS INCLUSIVE WITH EACH DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2014 BUDGET YEAR AND HAS BEEN MODIFIED FOR THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR OF THE TOWNSHIP. IT IS HEREBY ADOPTED TO GOVERN THE EXPENDITURE OF THE TOWNSHIP FUNDS DURING SAID PERIOD EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF ANY SUBSEQUENT BOARD RESOLUTION. MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY ALLOCATED OR REALLOCATED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE TOWNSHIP LEVY MILLAGE TAX FOR GENERAL OPERATION UPON THE TAXABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP UPON THE CURRENT TAX ROLL FOR COLLECTION BY THE TOWNSHIP TREASURER IN THE CURRENT DECEMBER TAX STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING THE NECESSARY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS TO MEET THE EXPENDITURES ITEMIZED IN THE AFORESAID BUDGET, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT NO MONEY SHALL BE DRAWN FROM THE TREASURY OF THE TOWNSHIP AND NO OBLIGATION FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MONEY SHALL BE INCURRED EXCEPT PURSUANT TO THE BUDGET OR AMENDED BUDGET FOR A PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUNCTION PROJECT, OR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY, WHICH LIMITATION SHALL NOT, HOWEVER, PREVENT THE REDISTRIBUTION AND REALLOCATION OF FUNDS WITHIN A PARTICULAR DEPARTMENT, GENERAL FUNCTION, PROJECT OR PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY WITHOUT THE AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET. THE 2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,916,127.00

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS. TREASURER DEZOTELL NOTED THAT THE BOARD HELD A BUDGET WORKSHOP LAST MONTH, AND WE DISCUSSED DIFFERENT HEALTH PLAN OPTIONS, AND IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT WE STILL DO NOT HAVE ANY PLANS OR RATES TO LOOK AT; IN ESSENCE, TO ME IT FORCES ME TO PAY 20% OF A PLAN THAT WE MIGHT NOT WANT.

TRUSTEE GIBSON NOTED THAT HE HAD SOMETHING TO SAY. WE TALKED ABOUT THIS AS MUCH AS WE COULD. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO START CUTTING OUT OF THIS (THE BUDGET). WHEN YOU START CUTTING AND YOU START LOOKING INTO THIS BUDGET, AND WHAT WE ARE RUNNING WITH, AND WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW, IS A PRETTY GOOD JOB FOR THE CITIZENS IN THE TOWNSHIP. EVERYBODY CAN SAY THAT YOU ARE RUNNING A BUSINESS. YOU HAVE TO CUT. YOU HAVE TO CUT. IT IS EASY TO SAY THAT; BUT WHEN YOU START LOOKING AT THESE THINGS, TO START CUTTING, IT IS NOT SO EASY TO DO THAT. IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE ON SOME OF IT. SO, ANYTHING WE DID SUCH AS THE INSURANCE. IT WAS AN AGREEMENT THAT THE HEALTH INSURANCE WAS 80//20. WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION AROUND YET. HE NOTED THAT IF THE BUDGET WAS CUT ANY MORE THAN IT WAS, THE CITIZENS WOULD NOT LIKE THE RESULTS OF IT. IF YOU WANT US TO CUT AND YOU REALLY, REALLY WANT SOMETHING, IT IS YOUR JOB TO TELL US WHAT YOU REALLY DO NOT WANT, OR WHAT YOU REALLY CAN DO WITH OUT -- BE CAREFUL OF WHAT YOU ASK FOR.

TRUSTEE HARVEY NOTED THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GETTING THE HEALTH BENEFITS CAN ALWAYS WITHDRAW AND GET OBAMA CARE. THAT IS THEIR LEGAL RIGHT TO DO. TRUSTEE GIBSON FELT THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THAT WAS SO UNSURE. I DO NOT THINK WE WANT OUR PEOPLE WHO WE ELECTED TO DO A JOB (AND BE WITHOUT). HE NOTED THAT HE FELT THIS COULD BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE BOARD -- AS FAR AS QUESTIONS

ANSWERED WHEN ASKED. I DO NOT THINK WE WANT TO PUT ANY OF THESE PEOPLE OUT THERE ON THAT SLOPE YET. HARVEY SPECIFIED IF ANY OF THE MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES WISH TO WITHDRAW, THAT IS THEIR LEGAL RIGHT TO DO THAT FROM THE HEALTH PLAN THAT WE PROVIDE. GIBSON NOTED THAT HE KNOWS THAT IT IS LEGAL. WHEN YOU DO THAT, YOU DO THAT TO EVERYONE ELSE COMBINED. AS A GROUP, YOU PUT A HEAVIER BURDEN ON THE GROUP, AND THE SUPERVISOR HAS TO GO BACK TO THE INSURANCE COMPANY THAT PROVIDES THE SERVICE, AND IT COULD GET COMPLICATED REAL FAST. EVERYBODY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, BUT BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU ASK FOR, BECAUSE YOU MIGHT NOT LIKE IT.

MRS. BEAMISH, RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER, INQUIRED ABOUT THE HEALTH INSURANCE AND WONDERED IF THERE WAS A BETTER RATE AS A GROUP. TREASURER DEZOTELL COMMENTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP DOES NOT KNOW THAT. TRUSTEE SHAW EXPLAINED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF THERE WERE A BIGGER GROUP. DEZOTELL NOTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED ANY FIGURES TO KNOW IF WE GET A BETTER RATE AS A GROUP. MR. BATESON, RESIDENT, COMMENTED ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE. BARRY THOUGHT THE TOWNSHIP HAD ENOUGH TIME TO EVALUATE THE HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUE FROM LAST YEAR. SHAW NOTED THAT WE HAVE HAD TWO OR THREE COMPANIES TO GIVE US SOME PRICING, AND WE ARE GETTING MORE. WE AGREED TO THE 80/20. THE EMPLOYEES ARE PAYING 20 PERCENT (20%) OF THEIR OWN. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT WE HAVE PRICING ON THE PLAN THAT WE HAD. WE ARE GOING TO PAY 20 PERCENT (20%) OF THE PREMIUM. BARRY ASKED IF THE TOWNSHIP TRIED ANOTHER CARRIER. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS NOT. SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT IF YOU GO TO WORK WITH KELLOGG'S OR POST YOU TAKE THE INSURANCE THEY HAVE OR YOU GO WITH OUT. AT THIS POINT, THE TOWNSHIP HAS A GROUP PLAN THROUGH BURNHAM AND FLOWERS. IT HAS BEEN THE MOST ECONOMICAL FOR YEARS. WITH THIS OBAMA CARE, THE TOWNSHIP DID NOT CHANGE. WE WENT WITH THE 80/20. BARRY DISAGREED TOTALLY WITH THE COST OF THE POLICY. MARTY ULDRIKS INQUIRED ABOUT HOW MANY WERE IN THE GROUP. SPRAU NOTED THAT THERE ARE SIX (6). DEZOTELL INTERJECTED THAT THERE WERE ALSO 6, SPOUSES AND A FAMILY. SPRAU NOTED THAT IT DID GO UP. DEZOTELL NOTED THAT IT WAS \$100,000.00 AND SOME. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE COST OF THE INSURANCE. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON THE COST OF THE INSURANCE FOR ELECTED OFFICIAL AND EMPLOYEES. THE POLICY IS 80/20. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE AND CHANGING IT THROUGH THE YEAR. SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT THE OTHER SOLUTION TO THIS IS, THE TOWNSHIP OFFERS NO HEALTH BENEFITS AND A STIPEND. GIBSON INQUIRED ABOUT THE TREASURER OPTING OUT OF THE HEALTH CARE, AND THE CONCERNS THAT HE HAD TO DO WITH THE GROUP, BUT HE FELT THAT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO LEAVE THE TREASURER IN LIMBO. HE ASKED IF THIS COULD BE RESEARCHED WITH THE INSURANCE COMPANY. SPRAU REPLIED THAT IT COULD, BUT HE WAS NOT GOING TO BE HERE FOR A WEEK. GIBSON ASKED IF SOME OTHER PERSON COULD DO THE RESEARCH. SPRAU REPLIED THAT

THEY COULD. GIBSON NOTED THAT THERE ARE SOME INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT DO NOT WANT TO DEAL WITH MUNICIPALITIES. MARTY ULDRIKS ASKED IF MTA (MICHIGAN TOWNSHIPS ASSOCIATION) OFFERS ANYTHING. SPRAU EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS THROUGH MTA -- PART OF GROUP. BURNHAM AND FLOWERS IS THROUGH MTA. THERE WAS MORE DISCUSSION ON THE HEALTH INSURANCE. THE CLERK WOULD DO THE RESEARCH. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY COMMENTS. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ROLL CALL: DEZOTELL, NO; GIBSON, YES; HARVEY, YES; JONES, NO; SHAW, YES; SPRAU, YES; FERACO, YES -- 5 YES, 2 NO, 0 EXCUSED. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU NOTED THAT IF THE BUDGET DID NOT PASS, THE DOORS TO THE TOWNSHIP WOULD NOT OPEN JANUARY 1, 2014.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

TRUSTEE HARVEY EXPLAINED AT THE BUDGET WORKSHOP HIS DESIRE WAS TO REPLACE ONE OF THE MOWERS FOR THE CEMETERY. HE ASKED IF ANYONE ON THE BOARD HAD A PROBLEM OF TAKING OUT \$11,956.00 OUT OF THE CD TO REPLACE THE MOWER THAT IS BEING DESTROYED BY DOING THE PARKS -- ACTUALLY, IT WAS PAID FOR OUT OF CEMETERY MONEY TO BEGIN WITH.

TRUSTEE GIBSON ASKED TRUSTEE HARVEY IF HE WAS ASKING FOR A MOTION OR DISCUSSION. HARVEY NOTED THAT HE COULD MAKE A MOTION.

RES. 11/14/13/37 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON TO TAKE \$11, 956.00 OUT OF THE CD TO REPLACE THE MOWER FOR THE CEMETERY ONLY.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. TREASURER DEZOTELL ASKED HOW YOU COULD DESIGNATE A MOWER FOR JUST THE CEMETERY. TRUSTEE HARVEY NOTED THAT THE MONEY WAS PUT TOGETHER BY BESS JORDAN YEARS AGO TO REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT FOR THE CEMETERY, AND WE ARE USING IT FOR THE PARKS. WE ARE DESTROYING ONE OF THEM THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED. DEZOTELL EXPLAINED THAT SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT, BUT YOU CANNOT SAY THAT YOU ARE GOING TO USE IT IN THE CEMETERY ONLY AND NOT THE PARKS. SHE NOTED WHAT IF THE OTHER ONE BREAKS DOWN, AND YOU NEED IT. TRUSTEE HARVEY DID NOT AGREE WITH TREASURER DEZOTELL. KEVIN DEZOTELL, MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL, NOTED THAT THE MOWERS HAVE BEEN USED IN THE PARKS AND CEMETERY FOR YEARS AND YEARS. KEVIN DEZOTELL INDICATED THAT YOU HAVE THAT THIRD MOWER FOR ROTATION AND IF ONE BREAKS DOWN YOU HAVE THAT FOR BACKUP. HARVEY IMPLIED THE BOARD CAN DO WHAT WE SEE FIT -- I HAVE HAD MY SAY. TRUSTEE GIBSON INQUIRED ABOUT AMENDING THE MAIN MOTION. HE

FELT THAT THE BOARD DOES NOT USE OR KNOW THE CONDITION OF THE OTHER MOWERS, THAT THE GROUNDS KEEPER COULD MAKE THAT DECISION.

RES. 11/14/13/37/A --AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION: MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, THE PERSON IN CHARGE OF MOWING WOULD DECIDE, WHICH MOWER WOULD BE USED WHERE.

ROLL CALL: FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; GIBSON, YES; HARVEY, NO; JONES YES; SHAW, YES; SPRAU, NO -- 5 YES, 2 NO, 0 EXCUSED.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION OVER THE MOWER THE BOARD DECIDED TO TABLE THE MOTION.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

TRUSTEE HARVEY THANKED EVERYONE FOR THE CARDS THAT WERE SENT TO HIM --- HE NOTED THAT HE HAD A HEART ATTACK AND WAS VERY THANKFUL FOR LIFECARE AMBULANCE SERVICE. TRUSTEE HARVEY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT MARY AND HE ATTENDED THE SILVER STAR APARTMENTS PHASE II CELEBRATION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013. HE EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL, AND FELT THAT WE SHOULD DO MORE FOR OUR VETS -- EVERYONE AGREED.

12. CITIZENS TIME


NO COMMENTS

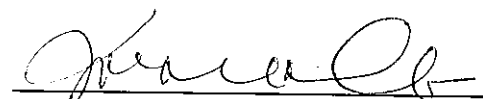
13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

TREASURER DEZOTELL ANNOUNCED THAT WINTER TAXES WOULD BE OUT NEXT MONTH. SUPERVISOR SPRAU WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

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