
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

APRIL 10, 2014

MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY
APRIL 10, 2014, AT 6:00PM, BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM, 115 S.
ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037

1. CALL TO ORDER

CLERK FERACO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AUDIENCE AND BOARD MEMBERS RECITED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

3. ROLL CALL

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK; CHRISANDRA DEZOTELL, TREASURER; CONNIE GIBSON,
TRUSTEE; ANDY JONES, TRUSTEE; RICHARD HARVEY, TRUSTEE; SALLY SHAW,
TRUSTEE

ABSENT: TOM SPRAU, SUPERVISOR;

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 13, 2014 MINUTES

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO
APPROVE THE MARCH 13, 2014 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

CLERK FERACO ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY CHANGES OR COMMENTS WITH THE
SUBMITTED MINUTES. THERE WERE NO CHANGES.

ROLL CALL

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

TRUSTEE SHAW – ROADS UPDATE – MOVED TO END OF MEETING

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 4/10/14/01 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$ 22,442.61.

ROLL CALL

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

RES. 4/10/14/02 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW EXMARK ZERO TURN MOWER TO BE USED FOR PARKS AS WELL AS CEMETERY MOWING. TOTAL AMOUNT IS \$11,956.00 – A GOVERNMENTAL DISCOUNT OF \$4,255.00 WAS APPLIED.

ROLL CALL

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

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

PRESENT FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSION WERE JIM HAADSMA, ART KALE AND TERRIS TODD.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 4/10/14/03 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO IMPOSE A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESSES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS OR LICENSES, FOR LAND USES RELATED TO THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. MORATORIUM ON SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

- A. A MORATORIUM IS ESTABLISHED ON THE ISSUANCE OF ALL PERMITS, LICENSES, AND APPROVALS, INCLUDING BUILDING PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, IN REGARD TO LAND USES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OR DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF INDEFINITELY, OR UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ADOPTION OF PROPER TEXT AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ANY NECESSARY LICENSING REQUIREMENTS, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

- B. NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (A), DURING THE TERMS OF THE MORATORIUM A CAREGIVER, AS DEFINED BY THE MICHIGAN MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT P.A. 2008, INITIATED LAW, MCL 333.26421 ET.SEQ., IS NOT PRECLUDED FROM GROWING AND PROVIDING MEDICAL MARIJUANA TO UP TO FIVE (5) PATIENTS WITH WHOM HE OR SHE IS LINKED THROUGH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN REGISTRY. SUCH CAREGIVER WILL NOT, HOWEVER, HAVE A CLAIM TO LEGAL NONCONFORMING STATUS BASED UPON THIS LAND USE DURING THE TERM OF THE MORATORIUM.

- C. ALL TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ARE ASKED AND AUTHORIZED TO GIVE THEIR ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING A ZONING ORDINANCE OR LICENSING REGULATION CONCERNING THE SALE AND DISPENSATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TOP PRIORITY.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY OF INVALID PROVISIONS.

IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE HELD INVALID, ITS VALIDITY SHALL NOT AFFECT ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE THAT CAN BE GIVEN EFFECT WITHOUT THE INVALID PROVISION, AND FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE SEVERABLE.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE:

THIS ORDINANCE IS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO MCL 42.22, WHICH PUBLICATION SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF ADOPTION AND SHALL BE IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION. PUBLICATION OF A SUMMARY OF THIS ORDINANCE, AS PART OF THE PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD, SHALL CONSTITUTE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE.

ROLL CALL

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

RES. 4/10/14/04 MOVED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO AUTHORIZE THE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF STATE (“DEPARTMENT”) AND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD (“GRANTEE”). THIS GRANT SHALL CONSTITUTE THE GRANTEE’S AGREEMENT FOR THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE II, SECTION 251, OF THE HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT (HAVA), CFDA 90.401. THE DEPARTMENT REFERS TO THIS PROGRAM AS THE QVF ORACLE/EQUIPMENT UPGRADE PROJECT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS GRANT IS TO UPGRADE THE QUALIFIED VOTER FILE INFRASTRUCTURE TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF MICHIGAN’S HAVA STATE PLAN. IN ORDER TO MEET THIS OBJECTIVE, THE DEPARTMENT MUST REPLACE REMOTE WORKSTATIONS FOR CERTAIN QVF LOCAL SITES THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND UPGRADE THESE SITES TO A MORE CURRENT VERSION OF THE MICROSOFT WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEM. BOTH THE CURRENT SYSTEMS ARE FACING END OF LIFE AND ARE NO LONGER SUPPORTED.

ROLL CALL

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

RES. 4/10/14/05

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE THE ZONING ORDINANCES, AS WRITTEN. THE ZONING ORDINANCES WERE REVISED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND UPDATED AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE. ORDINANCES MUST BE UPDATED EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS AND WERE LAST DONE IN 2008. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2014 TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO MAKE COMMENTS AND IT HAS NOW BEEN FORWARDED TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL.

ROLL CALL

SPRAU, EXCUSED; FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; GIBSON, YES; SHAW, YES; JONES, YES; HARVEY, YES; 6 YES, 0 NO, 1 EXCUSED. MOTION

RES. 4/10/14/06

MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE THE REZONING REQUEST FOR THOMAS VANDERMEL, 3952 W. MICHIGAN AVENUE. REZONING REQUEST WAS HEARD AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND IS NOW FORWARD TO THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR FINAL APPROVAL. THIS REZONING CHANGES THE PROPERTY FROM C-COMMERCIAL TO RB-MEDIUM DENISTY RESIDENTIAL TO CHANGE THE PROPERTY TO FIT WITHIN THE AREA AND ALLOW MR. VANDERMEL TO RESTORE/RENOVATE THE PROPERTY AND USE IT AS HIS PRIMARY RESIDENCE.

ROLL CALL

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

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

OPENED DISCUSSION ABOUT ROADS, QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD. MULTIPLE QUESTIONS REGARDING THE ROADS WERE ASKED.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

TRUSTEE SHAW ANNOUNCED THE NEXT TWO MEETING DATES FOR THE ROAD TOWNHALL MEETINGS. JUNE 2, 2014 AND JULY 14, 2014.

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

