CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
DECEMBER 11, 2014
MINUTES

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014, AT 7:00 PM, BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM, 115 S. ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sprau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience and board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

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

Clerk Feraco noted that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2014 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trusteee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the November 13, 2014 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL
Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes;
Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 12/11/14/01

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Jones and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to proclaim

Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention
December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015

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 2012 (killing 10,322 people – an increase of 4.6% from 2011) and injure 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, 35% 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, an average of 1 alcohol related crash fatality occurred every 51 minutes in 2012; 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 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015 time period;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Thomas J. Sprau, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2014 to January 1, 2015 as "Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention" in The Charter Township of Bedford. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired 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; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes;
Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/02

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve THE UPDATED MASTER PLAN FOR THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD;

WHEREAS THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD IS REQUIRED TO UPDATE THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP EVERY FIVE (5) YEARS;

AND WHEREAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS HELD SEVERAL MEETINGS FOR REVISION OF THE EXISTING MASTER PLAN AND ALL CORRECTIONS OR CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE;
AND WHEREAS THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014 AT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD;

AND WHEREAS THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PASS THE MASTER PLAN ON TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD FOR FINAL APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE;
NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED TO ACCEPT THE REVISED MASTER PLAN AS WRITTEN AND SUBMITTED BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD PLANNING COMMISSION;

ROLL CALL
Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes;
Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/03

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt the 2015 regular board meeting schedule. Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.(January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10)

ROLL CALL
Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes;
Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

November 18, 2014 correspondence from Siegfried Crandall to The Bedford Board –referencing audit procedures between Siegfried Crandall and The Charter Township of Bedford for the 2014 audit and November 18, 2014 correspondence from Siegfried Crandall to The Bedford Board referencing preparation and method of the 2014 audit.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Supervisor Sprau asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 12/11/14/04
Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling $212,238.60, as submitted.

Supervisor Sprau asked if there were any questions on the bills. There were no comments or questions.

ROLL CALL
Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes;
Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/05
Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford

Whereas, the Township Board adopted a budget for the township in accordance with the provision of The Charter Township Act pertinent thereto covering the calendar year;

Whereas, as a result of changes in the anticipated revenues and unanticipated expenditures, it appears in the best interest of the Government of the Township to modify the aforesaid budget to consider the allocations and reallocation of department funds of the unencumbered surplus funds while still maintaining a balanced budget between total revenues and anticipated expenditures, and now, therefore, in accordance with Section 28 of The Charter Township Act, it is hereby resolved that the previously mentioned budget be hereby modified as follows:

2015 DEPARTMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL:

DECREASE		INCREASE	
Board	107,500.00	Supervisor	10,892.00
Admin Fun	32,443.00	Assessor	1,295.00
Building Dept	1,200.00	Planning Commiss	645.00
Elections	1,500.00	Cemetery	21,267.00
		Clerk	31,702.00
		Mech Inspector	2,150.00
		Elec Inspector	7,540.00
		Plumb Inspector	2,160.00
		Treasurer	11,067.00
		Bldg & Grounds	120,100.00
		Fire Dept	13,700.00
TOTAL	$142,643.00	TOTAL	$222,518.00

ROLL CALL
Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes;
Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/06
Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, pursuant to PA 333m1982, does hereby approve the certifications of The Board of Education of the Battle Creek Schools, Kellogg Community College, Calhoun Intermediate School District and Pennfield Schools, for the summer tax levy of one half of the school property taxes on The Charter Township of Bedford's portion of said school districts commencing July 1, 2015.

Therefore be it resolved that The Charter Township of Bedford directs the township Treasurer to collect said taxes in accordance with said public act and the reasonable expenses incurred in assessing and collecting. Said taxes shall be billed to said school districts as provided in said public act.

ROLL CALL
Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes
Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/07

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by The Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford does hereby approve the certification by The Board of Trustees of Willard Public Library and to authorize the levy of summer property taxes of 2.0 mills on the portion of The Charter Township of Bedford's summer property tax on July 1, 2015.

Therefore be it resolved, that The Charter Township of Bedford directs the township Treasurer to collect said taxes for Willard Public Library, and the reasonable expenses incurred in assessing and collecting.

ROLL CALL
Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes;
Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

RES. 12/11/14/08
Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Clerk Feraco and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the purchase of a ladder truck and equipment, not to exceed $750,000.00, if financing is approved.
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ROLL CALL

Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes;
Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

Officer Walters, Battle Creek Police Department reported on the activities in Bedford Township. The new vehicle complete with the Bedford Township lettering, was brought to the meeting to show the residents. Lt. Walters – afternoon shift, talked about the new newsletter for the Battle Creek Police Department available through the Battle Creek City website. Mention was made of monthly Town Hall meetings. Each month will focus on a different crime prevention topic.

Fire Chief Cochensparger, reported on the Fire Department activities. Chief also thanked Supervisor Sprau and the Board for all of the work that was done in reference to the Spartan 100' ladder truck. He welcomed the new firefighters. Asst Chief Uldriks explained the ladder truck and the purpose it will serve.

RES. 12/11/14/09
Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize Supervisor Sprau to proceed with the purchase documentation of said ladder truck and equipment, not to exceed $750,000.00.

ROLL CALL
Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes;
Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

RES. 12/11/14/10
Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to hire Stephen Shaffer, Jonathan Howes, Jody Fuller and Hassan Fadel as Firefighters with a one (1) year probation period.

ROLL CALL
Sprau, Yes; Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes;
Gibson, Yes; Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

RES. 12/11/14/11
Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to reappoint and appoint the various individuals to boards and commissions:

Planning Commission Members

Mark Hires	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2017	3 year term
Barb Jones	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2017	3 year term
O'Dell Miller	01/01/2014 to 12/31/2015	2 year term
John Wood	01/01/2014 to 12/31/2015	2 year term
Marc Bennison	01/01/2014 to 12/31/2016	3 year term
John Foltz	01/01/2014 to 12/31/2016	3 year term
Richard Harvey	Trustee – expiration of term November 20, 2016	

Board of Appeal Members

Joseph Cipcic	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term
Joan Goodale	01/01/2014 to 12/31/2015	2 year term
Richard Harvey	Trustee – expiration of term November 20, 2016	
Bobby Hires	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term
Gary Hammond	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	1 year term

Alternate: John Wood

Board of Review Members (Two Year Term)

Barb Jones	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term
Mary Harvey	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term
John Foltz	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term

Alternates: Diana O'Leary
Brenda Foltz

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Supervisor Sprau asked if anyone had any unfinished business.

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 12/11/14/12
Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize the Clerk to proceed with an update for the BS & A software for the Treasurer's Office and the Assessor's Office; to begin after tax season at an estimated cost of $21,000.00.

Supervisor Sprau asked if there were any questions or comments, there were none.

ROLL CALL
Feraco, Yes; Dezotell, Yes; Gibson, Yes;
Shaw, Yes; Jones, Yes; Harvey, Yes; Sprau, Yes;
Yes - 7, No – 0 , Excused - 0. Motion carried.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Harvey publicly thanked Supervisor Sprau for all of his tireless work in working on the financing for the ladder truck.

12. CITIZENS TIME

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Harvey and supported by Trustee Shaw to adjourn the regular scheduled Board Meeting. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.
7:48 p.m.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR **JOYCE FERACO, CLERK**