
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

MARCH 13, 2014

MINUTES

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY
MARCH 13, 2014, AT 6:00PM, BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM, 115 S.
ULDRIKS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037**

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 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 FEBRUARY 13, 2014 MINUTES, AS SUBMITTED.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS OR CHANGES, THERE WERE NONE.

ROLL CALL: GIBSON, YES; SHAW, YES; JONES, YES; HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ANNOUNCED THAT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD WAS AWARDED A SAW GRANT FOR \$650,000 FROM MDEQ. THE TOWNSHIP PORTION TO PAY IS \$65,000. THIS WILL BE PAID OUT OF THE SEWER FUND. FLEIS & VANDENBRINK ENGINEERING, INC. WILL DEVELOP AN ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SEWER SYSTEM.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A RESIDENT BROUGHT UP SEVERAL ORDERS OF BUSINESS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ADDRESSED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. 1) INQUIRED WHEN THE POLICE CONTRACT WAS TO EXPIRE AND WANTED TO KNOW IF IT WOULD BE OPEN FOR BIDS. SUPERVISOR SPRAU ADDRESSED THE ISSUE AND LET HIM KNOW THAT YES, IT WOULD BE PUT OUT FOR BID WHEN IT EXPIRES – JUNE 2014. 2) NEEDED CLARIFICATION ON THE ROADS AND HOW THEY WERE GOING TO BE REPAIRED/REPLACED. TRUSTEE SHAW WAS ABLE TO ADDRESS HIS CONCERNS IN THAT DEPARTMENT, LETTING HIM KNOW THAT OPTIONS WERE BEING EXPLORED. 3) ADDRESSED THE ISSUE OF WHICH LIBRARY GULL LAKE SCHOOL RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO USE. GULL LAKE RESIDENTS DO NOT PAY A LIBRARY MILLAGE, THEREFORE HAVE NO LIBRARY THAT THEY CAN USE WITHOUT A FEE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE AUGUSTA LIBRARY.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 3/13/14/01 MOVED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE GIBSON, RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS: \$420,092.96.

SUPERVISOR SPRAU ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY QUESTIONS, OR COMMENTS, THERE WERE NONE.

ROLL CALL: SHAW, YES; JONES, YES; HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; GIBSON, YES.

MOTION CARRIED.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

OFFICER WALTERS PROVIDED A PRINT OUT OF CALLS AND OFFENSES WITHIN OUR TOWNSHIP. TWO REPORTS WERE PROVIDED, A RECAP OF 2013 AS WELL AS JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 10, 2014.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

NO ACTION

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT, THE ROAD CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE PLANS OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE WERE DISCUSSED. A COMMUNITY WIDE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 3/13/14/02 MOVED BY TRUSTEE SHAW, SUPPORTED BY TRUSTEE HARVEY , RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD TO HIRE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS, WHO ARE CERTIFIED FIREFIGHTERS, WITH CHIEF COCHENSPARGER’S RECOMMENDATION: BENJAMIN MAYS, TIMOTHY RAYMOND AND KEVIN HEDRINGTON – MUST PASS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND THERE WILL BE A ONE (1) YEAR’S PROBATION PERIOD WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

ROLL CALL: JONES, YES; HARVEY, YES; SPRAU, YES; FERACO, YES; DEZOTELL, YES; GIBSON, YES; SHAW, YES.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

REGARDING ROAD CONDITIONS AND THE NEED TO REPAIR THEM, A CITIZEN SHARED INSIGHT ON LOOKING FOR HELP IN LESS OBVIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES. HE ELABORATED ON PERHAPS REACHING OUT TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE AND BEING OPEN MINDED TO NEW IDEAS. HE SHARED THAT HE HAD RECENTLY HAD SOME SUCCESS IN A WATERWAY CHALLENGE, WHERE HE USED DIFFERENT CHANNELS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

14. ADJOURNMENT

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK