
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

NOVEMBER 13, 2014

MINUTES

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD
CONVENED FOR THE REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING, THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 13, 2014, AT 7:00PM, 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 OCTOBER 9, 2014 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the October 9, 2014 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2015 BUDGET.

Supervisor Sprau opened the Public Hearing at 7:03pm, for the 2015 budget.

The budget is in the amount of \$2,427,420.00. The Public Hearing was advertised in the Battle Creek Shopper October 30, 2014 and November 6, 2014.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 11/13/14/01

Moved by Trustee Jones, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of bills : \$38,931.67, as submitted.

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

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

Officer Walters, Battle Creek Police Department reported on the activities in Bedford Township. Officer Robinson, a night shift officer was introduced. Police Chief Blocker shared that there have been new hires and new vehicles ordered. One of which has been assigned to our township, and has been lettered to read as such. Chief Blocker encouraged residents to visit the website Nextdoor.com. Fire Chief Cochensparger, reported on the Fire Department activities.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

No action.

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Sprau closed the Public Hearing at 7:18p.m.

RES. 11/13/14/02

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford:

Whereas, each township office has heretofore submitted to the Supervisor and 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 basis when in attendance of meetings, and

Whereas, on the basis of the foregoing, the receiving officer 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 preceded by the less than one week published notice 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, is in the best interest of the Government of the Township and is reasonable and proper.

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that said budget is inclusive with each department for the 2015 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 and 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 2015 General Fund Budget is in the amount of \$2,427,420.00.

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. 11/13/14/03

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt The International Property Maintenance Code of 2012. This is an updated version of the code of 2006 previously adopted in 2008.

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. 11/13/14/04

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by The Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Mark Hires, Building Official and Inspector, as “Code Official” – responsible for enforcement of The International Property Maintenance Code 2012. This is removing retired Assessor Rebecca Fields and appointing Mark Hires as Building Official.

ROLL CALL

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

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

Assistant Chief Uldriks, with approval from Chief Cochensparger, asked to speak regarding an opportunity the Fire Department has been given to purchase a ladder truck at half price. Discussion followed, to include financing possibilities and other items of interest to the Fire Department i.e. medical runs.

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Treasurer Dezotell noted that the winter property taxes would be out next month. Supervisor Sprau wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Harvey and supported by Trustee Shaw to adjourn the regular scheduled Board Meeting. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.
8:13 p.m.