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# **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD**

**JULY 31, 2014**

## **PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

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**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
CONVENED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROADS SPECIAL  
ASSESSMENT, THURSDAY JULY 31, 2014, AT 7:00PM,  
BEDFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING ROOM  
115. ULDRIS DRIVE, BATTLE CREEK, MI 49037**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Sprau called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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.

### **4. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ROADS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

Meeting turned over to the Road Committee for presentation of information and question and answer period for Roads Public Hearing.

### **5. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **6. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

#### **RES. 7/31/14/01**

#### **RESOLUTION ON ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO PA 188**

**WHEREAS, the Township board has determined to proceed with certain road repairs, maintenance and improvements within the township under the provisions of 1954 PA 188, as amended, and accordingly, has secured plans and estimates of cost together with a proposed special assessment district for assessing the costs of the proposed road repairs,**

**maintenance and improvements and has scheduled a public hearing upon the same for this date, and**

**WHEREAS, the plans, estimates of cost and proposed special assessment district were filed with the township clerk for public examination and notice of the within hearing upon the same was published and mailed in accordance with the law and statute provided as shown by affidavits pertaining thereto on file with the township clerk, and**

**WHEREAS, in accordance with the aforesaid notices, a hearing was scheduled this 31st day of July, 2014, commencing at 7 p.m. and all persons given the opportunity to be heard in the matter, and**

**WHEREAS the Township anticipates it will need approximately \$4,200,000.00 more than it anticipates having available to meet the needed maintenance and repair of roads within the Township during the next 7 years, being 2014 - 2020 inclusive.**

**WHEREAS roads in need of repair within the Township shall be maintained/repared/upgraded at some point during said 7 year period, utilizing the plans that have been prepared and presented to the Township Board as a guide; and**

**WHEREAS the Township Board reserves the right to adjust the process that shall be utilized to maintain/repair/upgrade each road or road segment, and**

**WHEREAS, as a result of the foregoing, the township board believes the project would be in the best interest of the township and the district proposed to be established therefore;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:**

**1. That this township board does hereby determine to proceed with road maintenance, repair, improvements and/or upgrades and to tentatively designate a special assessment district against which the cost of the maintenance, repair, improvements and/or upgrades or a designated part of the improvements are to be assessed as permitted by 1954 PA 188.**

**2. The Township Board does hereby approve the plans for the road maintenance, repair, improvements and/or upgrades as prepared and presented to the Township Board and the estimate of cost for the completion thereof over a 7 year period being 2014 - 2020 inclusive for public roads in need of repair within the Township.**

**3. That this township board does hereby create, determine and define as a special assessment district to be known as Bedford Charter Township Special Assessment District for Road Improvements within which the costs of such improvements shall be assessed according to benefits, the following described area within said township:**

**All of the Charter Township of Bedford excluding those parcels adjoining either M-37 or M-89 and likewise excluding all parcels accessed solely by means of either of those two state trunk line highways.**

**4. On the basis of the foregoing, the Township Board does hereby direct the**

Supervisor and Assessing Officer to make a special assessment roll in which shall be entered and described all the parcels of land to be assessed with the names of the respective owners thereof if known, and a total amount to be assessed against each parcel of land which amount shall be the relative portion of the whole sum to be levied against parcels of land in the special assessment district as the benefit to the parcel of land bears to the total benefit to all the parcels of land in the special assessment district. The initial amount to be assessed shall be \$150 for every improved parcel and \$75 for every vacant parcel. When the same has been completed, the Supervisor and Assessing Officer shall each affix thereto his Certificate stating that it was made pursuant to this Resolution and that in making such assessment roll, he has, according to his best judgment, conformed in all respects to the directions contained in this Resolution and the applicable state statutes.

5. The Township Board shall annually specially assess benefitted property on an improved vs vacant parcel basis for the costs of road repair, maintenance, and improvements/upgrades as it deems appropriate to maintain the Township roads for which it is financially reasonable, with only published notice each year unless the amount to be specially assessed increases. If the amount to be assessed increases by any amount in any one year, a public hearing will be held and notice provided in accordance with PA 188 of 1954.

6. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of the within resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

**ISO MOVE**

The Resolution was offered by Thomas Sprau, supported by Sally Shaw.

**ROLL CALL**

Shaw, yes; Jones, no; Harvey, no; Sprau, yes; Feraco, yes; Dezotell, no; Gibson, yes

The members voted as follows:

Yeas:   4  

Nays:   3  

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Shaw, to adjourn the Public Hearing. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK

