
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

April 9, 2015, 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Feraco called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Tom Sprau, Supervisor- excused; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee. Connie Gibson, Trustee; Bill Woodward, Trustee; 6 present/ 1 excused.

Clerk Feraco noted that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE March 12, 2015 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes; as submitted.

Clerk Feraco asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none.

Roll Call: Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- excused;

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Motion carried

5. APPROVAL OF THE March 26, 2015 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 16, 2015 minutes; as submitted.

Clerk Feraco asked if there were any questions regarding the minutes. There were none.

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes; Sprau- excused;

6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Motion carried

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - None

7. COMMUNICATIONS

Reminder from Clerk Feraco that there is a State wide election on May 5, 2015.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

9. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 04/09/15/21

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$75,426.54

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Sprau- excused;
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Motion carried

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Bentley accompanied by Lt. Bush, reported on activity in the township.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported on fires and activity in the township.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

RES. 04/09/15/22

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Dangerous Building Ordinance to promote the health, safety and welfare of the people of The Charter Township of Bedford, Calhoun County, Michigan, by regulating the maintenance and safety of certain buildings and structures; to define the classes of buildings and structures affected by the ordinance; to establish administrative requirements and prescribe procedures for the maintenance or demolition of certain buildings and structures; to establish remedies, provide for enforcement, and fix penalties for the violation of this ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Sprau- excused;
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Motion carried

RES. 04/09/15/23

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve an ordinance of The Charter Township of Bedford adopting the 2015 Edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, regulating and governing the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings, and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary, and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use, and the demolition of such existing structures in The Charter Township of Bedford; providing for the

issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing Charter Township of Bedford Ordinance for adoption of the 2009 International Property Maintenance Code, Ordinance No. 1/13/111/02, and any Charter Township of Bedford ordinances or parts of laws in conflict therewith.

Roll Call: Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Sprau- excused;
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Motion carried

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Representative Bizon introduced himself and let us know that if there are any questions or concerns we can contact him directly or through his staff.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 04/09/15/24

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt an ordinance designating authorized Township Officials to issue Civil Infraction citations and notices.

WHEREAS, in order to enforce implementation of the Charter Township of Bedford Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, as amended.

WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Charter Township of Bedford Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance authorizes Township Officials to issue and serve civil infraction citations and notices,

WHEREAS, Section 9 of the Charter Township of Bedford Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance states that the Charter Township of Bedford Supervisor or his or her duly appointed designee and personnel of any agency designated by the Charter Township of Bedford, pursuant to inter-local agreements, are authorized as Township Officials to issue municipal civil infraction citations (directing alleged violators to appear in court) and municipal civil infraction violation notices (directing alleged violators to appear at the Charter Township of Bedford municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau) as provided by the Charter Township of Bedford Civil Infraction Ordinance,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 9 of the Charter Township of Bedford Municipal Civil Infraction Ordinance, the Township Board wishes to specifically appoint certain personnel as authorized Township Officials under the Bedford Township Civil Infraction Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following Township Officials, along with Township Supervisor, are hereby designated Authorized Township Officials under the

Bedford Township Civil Infraction Ordinance and are authorized to issue civil infractions citations and notices:

- Township Building Inspector;
- Township Electrical Inspector;
- Township Mechanical Inspector;
- Township Plumbing Inspector;
- Township Zoning Administrator;
- Township Code Official.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member: Trustee Shaw.

Second offered by Board Member: Trustee Harvey

Upon roll call vote the following voted Yes: Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes;
Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes;

No: _____.

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

Joyce Feraco, Clerk
Resolution #04/09/15/24

Prepared by:
Mumford, Schubel, Norlander,

Roll Call: Harvey –yes, Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes;
Sprau- excused;
6 yes, 0 no; 1 excused. Resolution adopted.

12. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Harvey presented the idea to Chief Cochensparger for his department to review the Burning Ordinance and the process of the issuance of burn permits.

Trustee Shaw announced that in preparation for the road work to begin the county may be doing the following in the township: tree removal, drainage, shoulder work, surface treatments and/or pavement marking.

13. CITIZENS TIME

Several citizens discussed work being done on the roads and blight enforcement.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clerk Feraco and supported by Trustee Shaw to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Next Board meeting is May 14, 2015 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK