
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

December 10, 2015 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Sprau 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; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Bill Woodward, Trustee; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee. 7 present.

Supervisor Sprau noted that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MINUTES

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

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2016 BUDGET

Open Public Hearing referencing the 2016 budget in the amount of \$2,395,510.00. Public Hearing was advertised in the Battle Creek Shopper on November 26, 2015 and December 3, 2015. Public Hearing was opened at 7:03 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

There will be four elections next year, March 8, May 3, August 2 and November 8, 2016.

7. CITIZENS TIME- BUDGET ONLY – 3 minute limit

No comments regarding the budget.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 12/10/15/51

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 \$ 278,795.73

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Hegelmann reported on activity in the township. Cautioned all to watch their speed, especially with winter weather.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported on the activity of the township fire department.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

None

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie touched on changes in 911 dispatch fees, and shared that the County had passed their budget.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

10 . CITIZENS TIME- BUDGET ONLY- 3 minute limit

None

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Closed Public Hearing referencing the 2016 budget in the amount of \$2,395,510.00.
at 7:18 p.m.

RES. 12/10/15/52

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, 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 required 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 2016 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. This budget 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 2016 General Fund Budget is in the amount of \$2,395,510.00

Roll Call: Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

11. CITIZENS TIME- 3 minute limit

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 12/10/15/53

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to adopt an ordinance to protect the public health, safety and welfare by regulating the condition of rental housing units within Bedford Charter Township providing for the registration and inspection of rental dwellings; providing civil sanctions and remedies for violation of this ordinance; and to repeal any ordinances in conflict herewith.

Roll Call: Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES. 12/10/15/54

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to adopt an ordinance to protect the public health, safety and general welfare by establishing regulations for vacant residential, commercial and industrial properties within Bedford Charter Township, to provide penalties for the violation of said ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Roll Call: Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES. 12/10/15/55

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, to adopt the attached fee schedule for the Rental Property and Vacant Property ordinances to allow for collection of fees to properly inspect and enforce those ordinances.

Roll Call: Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES. 12/10/15/56

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Harvey 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 ADJUSTMENTS

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL:

	<u>INCREASE</u>		<u>DECREASE</u>
Elections	638.00		
Fire Dept	3,000.00	Administration Fund	3,638.00
TOTAL	\$3,638.00	TOTAL	\$3,638.00

Roll Call: Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES. 12/10/15/57

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Treasurer Dezotell 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	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2018	3 year term
John Wood	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2018	3 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 Cipic	01/01/2015 to 12/31/2016	2 year term
Joan Goodale	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2017	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	01/01/2016 to 12/31/2017	2 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

Roll Call: Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES. 12/10/15/58

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt the 2016 regular board meeting schedule. Board meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.(January 14, February 11, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8)

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

13. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

14. CITIZENS TIME- 3 minute limit

Residents expressed concern over excessive noise within the Vahalla neighborhood, complaints are being registered continually. (snow mobiles, noisy cars)

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

16. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Next Board meeting is January 14, 2016 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK