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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

February 12, 2015, 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### 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; Chisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Andy Jones, Trustee - absent; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee. 6 present/ 1 absent.

Supervisor Sprau noted that a quorum was present.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 8, 2015 MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the January 8, 2015 minutes, as submitted.

Roll Call: Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes; Shaw-yes; Jones-absent.

6 yes, 0 no 1 absent. Motion carried.

### 5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### RES. 02/12/15/06

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve revised ordinances, Article 9, C-Commercial, and Article 12, I-Industrial districts.

The Charter Township of Bedford has updated the Master Plan and these ordinances, Article 9 and Article 12, have now been amended to match the Master Plan in allowing mixed-use in both the C-Commercial and I-Industrial districts. A public hearing was held on January 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Township Hall, with publication in the local paper being done on January 1, 2015 and January 22, 2015, as required by State law. The Planning Commission has now voted to

approve the revised ordinances and pass those on to the Charter Township of Bedford Board for final approval and acceptance.

Now therefore, be it resolved to accept the revised ordinances, Article 9, C-Commercial, and Article 12, I-Industrial, to allow for mixed use as written and submitted by the Planning Commission.

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

### **RES. 02/12/15/07**

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the revision to the Roads Special Assessment Roll to account for removal of County Land Bank properties and corrections relating to improved and non-improved parcels.

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

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

Jason Orton from the David Chapman Agency communicated the opportunity to apply for Par Plan grants and the benefits of such. Information was made available to the Board to start the process.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A suggestion was made to have the agenda available prior to the meeting. We will attempt to have this available on our website.

## **8. REPORTS**

### **(A) FINANCE**

### **RES. 02/12/15/08**

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$282,076.10.

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

**(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**FIRE**

Chief Cochensparger was present from the Fire Department to give the monthly report. Training has begun on Tower 5.

Lt. Woodward explained the new Emergency Reporting System; highlighting some of the features, reports, and advantages. Information is captured in real time and keeps in compliance with state requirements.

**POLICE**

Officer Walters was present from Battle Creek Police Department to give the monthly report. He will be leaving our township effective next month, Officer Bentley has been selected to work in Bedford Township. Brief discussion on the Town Hall meetings being conducted around the community, attendance was encouraged.

**RES. 02/12/15/09**

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the purchase of portable radio equipment from C-Comm of Kalamazoo, Inc., for the Bedford Township Fire Department. The cost of the equipment is \$5,369.66.

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

**(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

**RES. 02/12/15/10**

Moved by Trustee Gibson, supported by Clerk Feraco and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the revision of cost of services, spaces and foundations in the Bedford Cemetery to be effective March 1, 2015.

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

**(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Commissioner Frisbie was present to give the update on the road repairs and the general overview of the Road Department and the work that is being done. Residents responded favorably to the quick and efficient snowplowing in the neighborhoods. Road repair work is scheduled to begin in mid- May.

**RES. 02/12/15/11**

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the agreement between The City of Battle Creek and The Charter Township of Bedford to assess all building improvements, including outbuildings, and the land improvements (e.g., driveways, parking lots, lighting) associated with the main dwelling or structure, when 50% or more of the main dwelling or structure is situated within said jurisdiction.

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

**RES. 02/12/15/12**

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Supervisor Sprau and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the agreement between The City of Battle Creek and The Charter Township of Bedford to assess all building improvements, including outbuildings, and the land improvements (e.g., driveways, parking lots, lighting) associated with the main dwelling or structure, when 50% or more of the main dwelling or structure is situated within said jurisdiction.

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

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

none

**10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS**

**RES. 02/12/15/12**

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Supervisor Sprau and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Fire Departments outsourcing of decommissioned gear to RescueTees.com

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

**11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

**12. CITIZENS TIME**

Supervisor Sprau asked for public comments, there were none.

**13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL**

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Supervisor Sprau and supported by Trustee Shaw to adjourn the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Unanimous voice vote, Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

Next Board meeting is March 12, 2015 at 7:00pm.

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**THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR**

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**JOYCE FERACO, CLERK**