
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

November 12, 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, excused; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Bill Woodward, Trustee; Richard Harvey, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee. 6 present.

Supervisor Sprau noted that a quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 8, 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 October 8, 2015 minutes as submitted.

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

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES. 11/12/15/47

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Woodward and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to proclaim

Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention

December 16, 2015 to January 1, 2016

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes involving alcohol (with at least one driver with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 grams per deciliter or above) accounted for 31% of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2013 (killing 10,076 people – as compared to 10,322 persons in 2012) and injure hundreds of thousands more every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mid -December through New Year's holiday season is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for alcohol-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, in the single month of December, 2013, a total of 733 persons lost their lives in crashes involving a drunk driver; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 68% of the drunk driving fatalities in 2013 involved at least one drunk driver in the crash with a blood alcohol concentration almost double the legal limit; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the nation are joining together to promote the "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*" national public awareness campaign and law enforcement initiatives during the December 16, 2015 to January 1, 2016 time period;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Thomas J. Sprau, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2015 to January 1, 2016 as "Holiday Season Impaired Driving Prevention" in Bedford Township, Calhoun County. We call upon all citizens, government agencies, business leaders, hospitals and health care providers, schools, and public and private institutions to promote awareness of the impaired driving problem, to promote safer and healthier behaviors regarding the use of alcohol and other drugs, and to promote the awareness campaign this holiday season and throughout the year.

Thomas J. Sprau, Supervisor
Charter Township of Bedford

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

6. COMMUNICATIONS

November 10, 2015 correspondence from Siegfried Crandall to The Bedford Board –referencing audit procedures between Siegfried Crandall and The Charter Township of Bedford for the 2015 audit and November 10, 2015 correspondence from Siegfried Crandall to The Bedford Board referencing preparation and method of the 2014 audit.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A network of citizens were present and discussed concerns over keeping chickens in residential areas. They plan on attending the Planning Commission meeting on December 14, 2015 at 6:30pm.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 11/12/15/48

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$86,266.16.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Sgt. Bentley and Officer Hegelmann from the Battle Creek Police Department were present to report on happenings in the township. Reminders were made to keep vehicle and home doors locked.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger was not present.

RES. 11/12/15/49

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to hire Robert Charles Palmer, under the recommendation of Chief Cochensparger. He must pass a physical examination and there will be a one (1) year probation period with the Fire Department.

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

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Steve Frisbie spoke regarding changes to the 911 dispatch and the possibility of a partial refund for fees paid.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 11/12/15/50

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford, that the Non-ERISA Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) be amended and restated in the form attached hereto, which Plan is hereby adopted and approved.

Resolved further that the authorized signor, Thomas Sprau, signor of the Municipality be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to execute the Plan on behalf of the Municipality.

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

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson thanked the audience for their input regarding backyard chickens.

12. CITIZENS TIME

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board meeting is December 10, 2015 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK