
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

November 9, 2017 – 7:00 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Heikkila 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

Adam Heikkila, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipic, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Randolph Johnson, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee.

4. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the October 12, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the October 12, 2017 closed session minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila mentioned work to be done for Parks and Recreation and asked for volunteers for committees, more information will be posted on our website. He also talked about the budget process and how previous boards had done an excellent job. A new event, Santa and his Reindeer, is scheduled for December 5th 5-7pm. This is a free event and will include food, petting reindeer and a visit with Santa.

7. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

RES.11/09/17/58

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to proclaim:

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 almost thirty percent of all motor vehicle traffic fatalities in 2016 (killing 10,497 people, an increase of

1.7% from 2015) and injure hundreds of thousands more every year in the United States;
and

WHEREAS, the mid' December through end of December holiday period is traditionally one of the most deadly times of the year for alcohol-impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, 29 persons are killed in drunk-driving crashes per day in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 94% of serious traffic crashes are linked to human choices; and

WHEREAS, organizations across the nation are joining together to promote National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month in December 2017 and the "*Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over*" national public awareness campaign and law enforcement initiatives during the December 13 - 31, 2017-time period;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adam Heikkila, do hereby proclaim December 2017 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month and recognize the December 13 - 31, 2017 "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" National Mobilization campaign in Charter Township of Bedford, Calhoun County, Michigan. We call upon everyone 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.

ROLL CALL: Johnson –yes, Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2018 BUDGET.

Open Public Hearing referencing the 2018 budget in the amount of \$2,553,550.00. Public Hearing was advertised in the Battle Creek Shopper on October 26, 2017 and November 2, 2017. Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m.

8. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- * Draft October 12, 2017 Minutes
- * Check Register
- * Siegfried Crandall CPA correspondence referencing preparation and method for the 2017 audit.

9. REPORTS

{A) FINANCE

RES.11/09/17/59

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$ 7,344.22.

ROLL CALL: Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson – yes, 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Hug and Officer Bagwell, with the Battle Creek Police Department, were available to answer questions. Officer Hug did an overview of the new reports given to the Board.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger

Chief thanked everyone for their continued support and reporting on the events in the township.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) BUILDING OFFICIAL

Mark Hires explained the timeline involved in RFP'S (request for proposals) and how the process of sealed bids will proceed with the generators.

(E) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Closed Public Hearing referencing the 2018 budget in the amount of \$2,553,550.00. at 7:49 p.m.

RES.11/09/17/60

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 2018 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 2018 General Fund Budget is in the amount of \$2,553,550.00.

ROLL CALL: Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; 7 yes, 0 no; Motion carried.

RES.11/09/17/61

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of The Charter Township of Bedford to increase the Building and Zoning Administrator position to full time.

ROLL CALL: Dezotell-yes; Cipcic-yes; Shaw-abstain; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes; Heikkila-yes; Feraco –yes; 6 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain; Motion carried.

11. CITIZENS TIME

A resident questioned trucks on the roads and possible damage.

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

13. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Johnson inquired about the timeline for getting the bids for generators and actual installation of generators.

Trustee Shaw talked about purchasing signs to post local roads to stop large truck traffic from damaging roads.

Report by Trustee Gibson regarding the committee findings for Fire Station 1.

14. CITIZENS TIME

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting 7:56 p.m.

Next Board meeting is December 14, 2017 at 7:00pm.

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK