
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

October 12, 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, a prayer was said.

3. ROLL CALL

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

7 members present. A quorum was present.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the September 14, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

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

5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila stated that he is always available to talk. There are many projects that he is working on for the betterment of the township. He would love to share the ideas with you.

6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation to Chief Cochensparger for 50 years of service on the Bedford Fire Department. Proclamation was read. Chief thanked everyone for their support and stated it is an honor to continue to serve the residents of Bedford. Chief believes that he has responded to an estimated 15,000 calls thus far in his career.

7. COMMUNICATIONS -ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

*Draft September 14, 2017 Minutes

*Check Register

*J&L Electric bid

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 10/12/17/54

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 \$ 40,400.89.

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

RES. 10/12/17/55

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw 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:

2017 DEPARTMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Building & Grounds	\$ 30,000.00	
Cemetery	\$ 6,000.00	
Fire Dept	\$ 30,000.00	
KATMA	\$ 500.00	
Fund Balance		\$66,500.00
TOTALS	\$ 66,500.00	\$66,500.00

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

RES. 10/12/17/56

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to accept the bid of J & L Electric as the winning contractor bid for the project to handle ice and water problems on the roof at the Township Office/Station 2.

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE:

The stats were given to the board by an officer with Battle Creek Police Department. He was available to answer any questions that were asked.

FIRE:

Chief Cochensparger gave a rundown on the general activities within the township. He pointed out that the cost of doing business is increasing at an alarming rate. His budget is very tight. Captain Woodward and Captain Godde with the Bedford Fire Department demonstrated the chest compression apparatus.

RES. 10/12/17/57

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to hire Nicholas Brownell, Charles Hale and Brandon Lundberg, under the recommendation of Chief Cochensparger. They must each pass a physical examination and there will be a one (1) year probation period with the Fire Department.

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

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie elaborated on the Lifecare role in transporting while engaging in chest compression efforts.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) Discussion on Billing and Collection Services Agreement options for Fire Dept. The Fire Department is gathering the information that would be needed to actively bill vehicles/people in violation. The use of the FEMA fee schedule is one recommendation given to the board by the Fire Chief.
- B) Discussion on Truck Route restrictions roads (Halbert, Hamilton, Yawger, Baseline, Kirby). Discussion concluded with the idea of contacting the Road Department and ordering signs for the listed roads.
- C) Discussion and follow up on generator purchase. Request to see bids/quotes. Mark Hires, Building Official for Bedford Township is preparing an RFP to advertise for bids.

10. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson will be delivering his findings concerning Station 1 and the feasibility of maintaining a fire station there and the cost to build a new station on the property, he hopes to have it to the board next month.

11. CITIZENS TIME

Questions concerning blight and the process to correct the situations.

Discussion with regard to large delivery semi- trucks and where they were allowed to drive.

Questions about the harvesting of the forest by Markham.

12. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

13. CLOSED SESSION

Board adjourned to closed session for discussion of contract related matter.

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

Retire to Closed Session: 8:20pm

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn closed session. 9:55p.m.

Return to Open Session

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn board meeting 9:56 p.m.

Next Board meeting is November 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK