
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

October 13, 2016 - 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 members present. Supervisor Sprau noted there was a quorum.

4. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 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 September 8, 2016 minutes as submitted.

Roll Call: Shaw-yes; Woodward-yes; Harvey –yes, Sprau- yes; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Gibson-yes;

7 yes, 0 no, 0 excused; Motion carried.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Jason Orton, from the David Chapman Agency commented on the Bedford Township insurance. There will be a re-evaluation of the fire department vehicles to determine the current replacement costs.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident suggested that we look into the site Nextdoor as a way of communicating with residents . Nextdoor is the free and private social network for your neighborhood.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 10/13/16/27

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Woodward and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$48,112.29.

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

RES. 10/13/16/28

Moved by Trustee Shaw, 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 modified as follows:

2016 DEPARTMENT BUDGET EXPENDITURES

THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS WILL:

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Elections	13,970.00	
Assessor	3,150.00	
Building Dept	5,600.00	
Electrical Inspections	4,000.00	
Building & Grounds	3,500.00	
Cemetery	4,900.00	
Fire	5,500.00	
Parks & Rec	4,000.00	
Fund Balance		\$44,620.00
TOTALS	\$ 44,620.00	\$44,620.00

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Kilbourn, has been assigned to Bedford Township. He will be here for at least six months; if we have any problems or questions, we can email him. He was available for questions. Nixle is another avenue for getting up to the minute, county, township, police, fire and emergency information. He recommended our residents explore that option.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger spoke about the happenings with the Fire Department. Encouraged everyone to check their furnaces and get prepared for winter. He is excited to be adding new Firefighters to the department. Reminder that the Annual Spaghetti Dinner is this Saturday from 5pm-8pm.

RES. 10/13/16/29

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Cochensparger to hire Denny Segar, Jordan Kellogg, Nathan Clark, Derrick Jones and Nicholas Turner as on-call Firefighters pending their physical examinations. All are subject to one (1) year probation.

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

RES. 10/13/16/30

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Harvey and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Cochensparger, to promote Firefighter Kevin Hedrington to the rank of Lieutenant.

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

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie was available for questions. There was some discussion on the way Act 51 distributions are made.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

A resident inquired about the next rescheduled Planning Commission workshop, it will be on October 25, 2016 at 6:30pm.

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Trustee Shaw noted that road construction for this season is coming to an end. If there is anything that needs immediate attention, please contact her directly.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Next Board meeting is November 10, 2016 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK