
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

September 13, 2018 – 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Motion made by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Cipic to appoint Clerk Feraco as Chair of this meeting in the absence of Supervisor Heikkila. Approved by voice vote.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Feraco called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:01pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

Pastor Mark Crow, Springfield Assembly of God, said a prayer.

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 AGENDA

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the September 13, 2018 agenda, as submitted.

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

6. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 9, 2018 MINUTES

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the August 9, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

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

7. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

None

8. CITIZENS TIME - agenda items only

None

9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Public Hearing - referencing the Special Assessment District – Police/Public Safety – 4.5 Mills which will garner approximately \$785,432.00 for the year 2018 was opened at 7:05 pm.

10. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- *Draft August 9, 2018 Minutes
- *Check Register
- *Lifecare report

11. REPORTS

{A) FINANCE

RES. 09/13/18/45

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$220,210.27

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

{B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Carl VanDyke is our new Officer, replacing Officer Kidney. He introduced himself and was available for any questions or concerns.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger talked about Fire Department activities in the township, including the scheduled Spaghetti Dinner. He also relayed information regarding repairs and maintenance on two of the trucks that will be done soon.

{C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Nothing to report

{D) BUILDING OFFICIAL – Mark Hires

Mr. Hires talked about increased activity for permits for garages, pole barns and additions. It is the busiest he has seen in several years.

{E) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION - Barry Beamish

Mr. Beamish talked about the upcoming public hearing for Medical Marijuana facilities and ordinances to be done for lakefront property and solar farms.

{F) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

None

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

The Public Hearing -referencing Police/Public safety-special assessment was closed at 7:19pm.

RES. 09/13/18/46

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish a Special Assessment District for Police/Public Safety, effective for the 2018 assessment levy. Further, the Special Assessment district boundaries are to be established as all of the lands and premises in the Charter Township of Bedford. Further, the Special Assessment is to be established at 4.5 Mills, and the Supervisor is hereby directed to spread the mills levied over all lands and premises. The four-and-half (4.5) mills will generate approximately \$785,432.00 for the year 2018.

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

RES. 09/13/18/47

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish millage at .8848 for General Operating on all property within the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30, 2018, to levy and spread for General Operations. The millage will generate approximately \$163,065.00 for the year 2018.

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

RES. 09/13/18/48

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to place a special ad valorem assessment against all parcels within the Streetlight Special Assessment District, in the amount of .8611 mills and that this ad valorem assessment shall become part of the 2018 Winter Tax Roll. Millage will generate approximately \$83,852.00 to cover the cost of street lights.

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

RES. 09/13/18/49

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to hire Ava Drake, who is a certified firefighter; under the recommendation of Chief Cochensparger, she must pass a physical examination and there will be a one (1) year probation period with the Fire Department.

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

13. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

14. CITIZENS TIME

A Resident talked about the Famer’s Market and the success they are seeing and his vision for the future. Residents were pleased with the way the meeting was handled this month.

15. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson spoke about the upcoming election, introduced the two candidates that were present and advised people to make an informed decision.

Trustee Johnson spoke regarding the November election and that he is willing to work with anyone, whether it be the Supervisor position or maintain his Trustee position.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Treasurer Dezotell said bad news, taxes are due tomorrow, Friday, September 14, 2018 to avoid penalty. Office hours will be 9:00am-5:00pm for tax payments.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting at 7:37pm.

Next Board meeting is September 13, 2018 at 7:00pm.

ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK