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# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

September 14, 2017 - 7:00 PM

## MINUTES

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### **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 Cipic, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Randolph Johnson, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee.

7 members present. A quorum was present.

### **4. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2017 MINUTES**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes, as submitted.

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

### **5. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS**

Supervisor Heikkila had no public address this month, open door policy remains in effect.

### **6. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Supervisor Heikkila presented to Grand Master Vandelester, a certificate of Proclamation of Bedford Masonic Lodge #207 day as September 30, 2017 in honor of the Lodges' Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

The Public Hearing, referencing the Special Assessment District – Police/Public Safety – 4.5 Mills which will garner approximately \$804,983.00 for the year 2017, was opened at 7:08 p.m.

### **RES. 9/14/17/44**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the five (5) year extension of the current contract between Battle Creek Area Ambulance D/B/A Lifecare Ambulance Service, a Michigan non-profit corporation which provides ambulance service, and the Charter Township of Bedford, a municipal corporation in Calhoun County, Michigan for the provision of advanced life support ambulance service

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

**RES. 9/14/17/45**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the services of J & S Family Tree Service, LLC for removal of trees in the cemeteries in Bedford Township. Two days of tree removal services are \$1,600.00 per day, total of \$3,200.00.

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

**RES. 9/14/17/46**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the amendment to Ordinance Number 3/12/15/18, which provides for a service charge in lieu of taxes for a proposed multiple family dwelling project (Silver Star Phase III), for persons of low income to be financed or assisted pursuant to the provisions of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, as amended.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NUMBER 3/12/15/18

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A SERVICE CHARGE IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR A PROPOSED MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING PROJECT FOR PERSONS OF LOW INCOME TO BE FINANCED BY OR ASSISTED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE STATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT OF 1966, AS AMENDED.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD ORDAINS:

Ordinance Number 3/12/15/18 is hereby amended by striking SECTION 9. DURATION in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

SECTION 9. DURATION

This ordinance shall remain in effect and shall not terminate so long as the Authority's Mortgage Loan remains outstanding and unpaid or the Authority has any interest in the property; or the Housing Development remains subject to income and rent restrictions pursuant to Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, provided that construction of the Housing Development commence within two years from the effective date of this ordinance.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been passed and adopted by the Charter Township of Bedford, County of Calhoun, State of Michigan, at a regularly scheduled meeting thereof duly called and held this September 14, 2017.

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

**RES. 9/14/17/47**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to accept the quote from TruGreen Commercial Services for \$1,408.00. Fall and Spring weed control will be applied at the both the Bedford Road and Morgan Road cemeteries.

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

**RES. 9/14/17/48**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by The Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Agreement for Professional Services with CEI Engineers, Inc. for Wastewater System Maintenance Engineering Support.

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

**7. COMMUNICATIONS -ATTACHED DOCUMENTS**

- \*Draft September 14, 2017 Minutes
- \*Check Register
- \*Civil Engineers Professional Services Agreement
- \*Billing and Collection Services Agreement – discussion
- \*Contract for Advanced Life Support Ambulance “ Lifecare”
- \*J&S Family Tree Service
- \*TruGreen Commercial quote
- \*Signs & Designs quote

**8. REPORTS**

**(A) FINANCE**

**RES. 9/14/17/49**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$ 234,179.11.

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

## **(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **POLICE:**

Officer Kidney delivered the reports of actions within the township. Officer Kidney is pleased to be able to work in Bedford and stated that he has a vested interest in the township, having been raised here.

Battle Creek Police Chief Blocker, Major Grafton as well as City Manager Rebecca Fleury, were available for any questions and/or concerns.

### **FIRE:**

Chief Cochensparger communicated the importance of drills and training that his department engages in. He stated that he hopes to add a new firefighter to the department. He invited all to attend the Spaghetti Dinner on October 14, 2017. Chief Cochensparger was honored at the State Capitol for his 50 years of service to the Bedford Fire Department.

## **(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

Kevin Dezotell, talked about the need to have the trees removed in the cemetery, as well as the need for the weed treatments.

## **(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

County Commissioner Steve Frisbie was available for questions.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Public Hearing, referencing Police/Public safety-special assessment, was closed at 7:40 p.m.

### **RES. 9/14/17/50**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw 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 2017 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 \$804,983.00 for the year 2017.

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

### **RES. 9/14/17/51**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish millage at .8869 for General Operating on all property within the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30, 2017, to levy and spread for General Operations. The millage will generate approximately \$158,653.00 for the year 2017.

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

**RES. 9/14/17/52**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve a raise in pay for The Charter Township of Bedford Planning Commission from \$35 per meeting to \$50 per meeting. Increase will be in effect immediately.

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

**RES. 9/14/17/53**

Moved by Supervisor Heikkila, supported by Trustee Cipcic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to accept the quote from Signs & Designs for \$1,345.00 for the purchase of double sided aluminum signs for Brookside Annex park.

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

**10. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Trustee Gibson let everyone know that his final meeting with the Fire Department exploration committee will be coming soon. He will be sharing his findings that have been collected for the potential building/rebuilding of Fire Station 1 on Bedford Road.

Trustee Johnson spoke on behalf of the majority of the Board, it is collectively agreed that the July 18, 2017 incident at the Bedford park involving the Battle Creek Police Department and 911 Dispatch has been addressed and is now closed.

**11. CITIZENS TIME**

Discussion regarding a truck, potentially leaking oil and/or fuel, in the roadway on Lynn Drive. Concern is that it is a safety hazard, for traffic as well as pedestrians.

Discussion regarding a semi-truck parked on the shoulder of Morgan Road.

A question was asked in regards to the frequency of activation of the caution lights on West Michigan, when a fire truck is leaving for a call.

**12. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM, by voice vote.

Next Board meeting is October 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM

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ADAM HEIKKILA, SUPERVISOR

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JOYCE FERACO, CLERK