
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

September 8, 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 AUGUST 11, 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 August 11, 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

Open Public Hearing referencing the Special Assessment District – Police/Public Safety – 4.5 Mills will garner approximately \$747,100.00 for the year 2016. Public Hearing was opened at 7:03.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Reminder for November 8, 2016 election. Absentee ballots are available.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

October 15, 2016 is Urbandale Days located in the plaza. The committee is working hard to bring community spirit back to the area.

Residents had questions regarding processes and procedures, which were addressed by the board.

8. REPORTS

(A) FINANCE

RES. 09/08/16/21

Moved by Trustee Harvey, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$247,847.13

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

(B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Officer Hancock advised all to be aware that there were counterfeit \$20 bills circulating in the area. He also reported on activities within the township.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger reported on the activities of the Fire Department. The Fire Departments' Annual Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for October 15, 2016 at the Bedford Lions Club, all are invited to attend.

(C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

(D) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Commissioner Frisbie was available to answer questions, it was noted that they have begun working on the County budget for next year.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Closed Public Hearing referencing Police/Public safety-special assessment at 7:19pm.

RES. 09/08/16/22

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Harvey 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 2016 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 \$747,100.00 for the year 2016.

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

RES. 09/08/16/23

Moved by Supervisor Sprau, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish millage at .8919 for General Operating on all property within the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30, 2016, to levy and spread for General Operations. The millage will generate approximately \$156,351.00 for the year 2016.

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

10. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 09/08/16/24

Moved by Trustee Woodward, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to replace John Wood, Planning Commission member, as a result of recent health concerns, and appoint Mark Haineault, Planning Commission member, in his place. Term to expire 12/31/2018.

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. 09/08/16/25

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Woodward and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to amend Res. 04/09/15/24, to designate an additional authorized township official, the Township Code and Blight Enforcement Officer to issue civil infraction citations and notices.

All positions will have the authority to issue civil infractions (directing alleged violators to appear in court) and municipal Ordinance Violations (directing alleged violators to appear at the Charter Township of Bedford Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau) as provided by the Charter Township of Bedford Civil Infraction Ordinance.

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

RES. 09/08/16/26

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the hiring of Ron Munster as Township Code and Blight Enforcement Officer effective September 12, 2016. Term of appointment is not guaranteed. Pay will be \$ 15.00 per hour plus mileage. Officer will respond to complaints, handle investigations, issue letters and/or citations as necessary, and appear in court when required.

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

11. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

12. CITIZENS TIME

13. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Treasurer Dezotell reminded everyone that taxes are due on September 14, 2016 without penalty.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Next Board meeting is October 13, 2016 at 7:00pm.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next Board meeting is September 8, 2016 at 7:00pm.

THOMAS J. SPRAU, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK