



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

August 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM

## TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AGENDA

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 4. ROLL CALL

Joni Jones, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Erica Miller, Treasurer; Barry Beamish, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee; Mark Hires, Trustee.

### 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the agenda for the August 10, 2023 meeting as submitted.

#### ROLL CALL

### 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2023

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the June 26, 2023 Minutes as submitted.

#### ROLL CALL

### 7. SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

### 8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

### 9. COMMUNICATIONS

- Draft July 13, 2023 Meeting minutes
- July check disbursement report
- July check register
- Budget report through July 31, 2023
- Bedford Fire Department activity reports
- BCPD Reports
- LifeCare Quarterly Report
- Fire Department (Information regarding system)
- Solar Ordinance Amendment (as read-in on July 13)
- Proposed County Wide Transit Authority Information
- Correspondence from Consumers Energy Re: Proposed Solar Text Amendment

## 10. REPORTS

### A. FINANCE RES. 08/10/23/40

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$171,410.19.

### ROLL CALL

### B. PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY

POLICE (Officer LaValley)

FIRE (Chief Cochensparger)

### C. SUPERINTENDENT (Dennis McKinley)

### D. BUILDING OFFICIAL (Mark Hires)

### E. BUILDING & ZONING (Jason Ughetti)

### F. BLIGHT OFFICIAL (Mike Savio)

### G. ASSESSOR (Joyce Foondle)

### H. PLANNING COMMISSION (Mike Staib)

### I. PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (Danielle Zoellner)

### J. LEGISLATIVE & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (Rep. Haadsma; Comm. Frisbie)

## 11. PRESENTATIONS

A. **County Wide Transit Authority Proposal** – Mallory Avis, Public Transit Director, City of Battle Creek

B. **Emergency Networking Proposal** -- Matt Godde, Captain, Bedford Charter Township Fire Department

## 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. **Master Plan** – Public review period underway – Status report (PC Chair Staib)

B. **2024 Budget Planning** – Status report (Superintendent McKinley)

## 13. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

### RES. 08/10/23/41

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Solar Ordinance Text Amendment that was read in at the July 13, 2023 Board Meeting and published in the BC Shopper on July 20, 2023. (*See Solar Ordinance Amendment in packet.*)

### ROLL CALL

**RES. 08/10/23/42**

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the extension of the existing Metro Act Right of Way Permit with Michigan Bell Telephone Company (d/b/a AT&T Michigan) which expires on December 31, 3023. The extension is for a term through December 31, 2028.

**ROLL CALL**

**RES. 08/10/23/43**

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Conditional Use Permit for Hazen Gardens with the additional three specified conditions.

**ROLL CALL**

**RES. 08/10/23/44**

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to appoint Dr. James Barron to the Zoning Board of Appeals. *(This appointment replaces Stasia Thorson who has resigned.)*

**ROLL CALL**

**RES. 08/10/23/45**

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish millage at .8604 for General Operating on all property within the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30, 2023 to levy and spread for General Operations. This will generate \$204,219.00 for the year 2023.

**ROLL CALL**

**RES. 08/10/23/46**

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to establish a Fire Department millage at 1.9450 which was voted on 8/7/2018 for Fire Operating on all property within the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30, 2023 to levy and spread for Fire Operations. This will generate \$461,653.00 for the year 2023.

**ROLL CALL**

**RES. 08/10/23/47**

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 2023 levy. Further, the Special Assessment District boundaries are to be established as all of the lands and premises in the Charter Township of Bedford. In addition, the Special Assessment is to be established at 4.5 mills, and the Clerk is to notify the Assessor by September 30 to levy and spread over all lands and premises. The 4-and-half (4.5) mills will generate approximately \$1,001,083.00 for 2023.

**ROLL CALL**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**15. TRUSTEES' PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

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

**17. SUPERVISOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Next Board Meeting – September 14, 2023**