

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

December 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Township Board Meeting



1. CALL TO ORDER

2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. ROLL CALL

Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Erica Miller, Treasurer; Barry Beamish, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee; Stacey Greenwood, 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 December 14, 2023 meeting as submitted.

ROLL CALL

6. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the November 9, 2023, minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL

7. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTEES

8. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda Items Only)

9. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 BUDGET

The budget is in the amount of 3,546,382.76. The Public Hearing was advertised in the Battle Creek Shopper

10. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE 2024 BUDGET ONLY

11. CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT

12. COMMUNICATIONS

- November 9, Board Meeting minutes
- December 7, 2023, Board Meeting minutes
- September check disbursement report
- September check register
- Budget report through September 30, 2023
- Bedford Fire Department activity reports
- BCPD Reports
- Superintendent Action Plan – Monthly Report – submitted written report
- Building Official – Report

13. BUILDING AND ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Submitted written report

14. ASSESSOR

- Submitted written report

15. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Appropriate plan of action to move forward.

16. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/67 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to reappoint the following individuals to the Planning Commission:

Barbara Jones 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 3-year term

Shirley Tuggle 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 3-year term

Kevin Villadsen 1/1/2024-12/31/2026 3-year term

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/68 Resolution to adopt the 2024 Township Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, January 11th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, February 8th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, March 14th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, April 11th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, June 13th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, July 11th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, August 14th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, September 12th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, October 9th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, November 13th @ 7:00pm

Thursday, December 11th @ 7:00pm

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/69 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to change Planning Commission Chair's compensation to a monthly stipend.

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/70 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission for conditional use amendment for ManSing, LLC, to construct a greenhouse to grow medical and recreational adult-use marijuana under existing licenses on property addressed as 21736 Bedford Road, Battle Creek, Michigan 49017, Parcel No. 04-015-007-01

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/71 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to reappoint the following individual to the Zoning Board of Appeals
Terrie Godde 1/1/2024-12/31/2026

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/72 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 reallocations of department funds of the unencumbered surplus funds while still mainlining 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 hereby modified as follows:

2023 Budget Adjustments

Item	Increase	Decrease
Administration fund	\$1190.50	
Blight and Code Comp.	\$1500	
Mechanical Inspector	\$1000	
Building Inspector	\$3000	
Electrical Inspector	\$5500	
Plumbing Inspector	\$1000	
ARPA	\$112257.36	
Fire Capital	\$200	
Fund Balance		\$125647.86

Roll Call

Resolution 12/14/23/73 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of

Bedford:

Whereas, each township office has heretofore submitted to the Superintendent an itemized estimate of anticipated expenditures for the township activities under his charge for the next calendar year of the township, and

Whereas, on the basis of the foregoing, the receiving officer has prepared a complete itemized budget proposal and has submitted the same to the Township Board, and

Whereas, a Public Hearing has been held by the Township Board on said proposed budget preceded by the less than one-week published notice as required by section 26 of the Charter Township Act, and

Whereas, all persons present at said Public Hearing were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said proposed budget, and

Whereas, such proposed budget, as modified, in the opinion of the Township Board, is in the best interest of the Government of the Township and is reasonable and proper.

Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that said budget is inclusive with each department for the 2024 budget year and has been modified for the next calendar year of the Township. It is hereby adopted to govern the expenditure of the township funds during said period except to the extent of any subsequent board resolution. This budget may be subsequently allocated or reallocated in the best interest of Township Government.

Be it further resolved, that the township levy millage tax for General Operation upon the taxable real and personal property within the township upon the current tax roll for collection by the Township Treasurer in the current December tax statement for the purpose of raising the necessary supplemental funds to meet the expenditures itemized in the aforesaid budget, be it further resolved, that no money shall be drawn from the treasury of the township and no obligation for the expenditure of money shall be incurred except pursuant to the budget or amended budget for a particular department, general function project, or principal activity,

which limitation shall not, however, prevent the redistribution and reallocation of funds within a particular department, general function, project or principal activity without the amendment of the budget. The 2024 Budget is in the amount of \$3,546,382.76, which includes: General Fund - \$2,892,731.76, Fire Capital - \$215,849.00, and Fire Operating - \$437,802.00.

ROLL CALL

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/74 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the quote from McQueen Equipment for SCBA equipment in the amount of \$200,340.00. recommended by Chief Cochensparger. This will be funded from their fund balance.

RESOLUTION 12/14/23/75 Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to authorize a \$2.00/hour raise for all firefighters pursuant to the request by Chief Cochensparger. This was included in the Fire Department proposed budget for 2024.

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

18. TRUSTEES' PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

19. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON, OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

20. ADJOURNMENT

***Next Board Meeting – January 11th, 2024**