
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

November 8, 2018 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Clerk Feraco called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Shaw, supported by Treasurer Dezotell to allow Clerk Feraco to run the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Heikkila.

Voice vote by all members, 5 yay, 0 nay.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The audience and Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

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.

6 members present, 1 absent

5. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 8, 2018 AGENDA

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Shaw and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the November 8, 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 OCTOBER 11, 2018 MINUTES

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the October 11, 2018 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Heikkila-absent; Feraco –yes; Dezotell-yes; Cipic-yes; Shaw-yes; Gibson-yes; Johnson –yes;

6 yes, 0 no, 1 absent; Motion carried.

7. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Heikkila was absent.

8. CITIZENS TIME - agenda items only

None

9. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. COMMUNICATIONS - ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- *Draft October 11, 2018 Minutes
- *Check Register
- *List of foreclosed properties from the County

11. REPORTS

{A) FINANCE

RES. 11/8/18/51

Moved by Treasurer Dezotell, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$203,155.98.

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

{B) PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Kidney was available for questions. Residents voiced concern over the high speed of traffic on M37, other issues were suspected drug houses in the area and the request to have the police have a presence in the area.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger once again thanked the residents for the approval of the fire millage. He shared with all some of the expenses that the millage will assist in covering, to include new hoses, imagine cameras, uniforms and a new truck fund. The department has been busy with multiple trees and lines down. He reminded everyone to have their chimney's in good working order by having them cleaned.

{C) BUILDING AND GROUNDS

The parks and cemetery have been winterized.

{D) BUILDING OFFICIAL – Mark Hires shared that the activity within the building department has slowed down, however than 45 permits were issued, the majority being permits for furnaces.

{E) CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION - Barry Beamish stated that the planning commission would be sending an item pertaining to solar, forward to the next board meeting on November 13, 2018.

{F) BLIGHT – Bill Scutt reported that 28 cases have been closed, 29 are open, and that there are upcoming pretrial dates for two citations. He expressed the process of blight and stated that the of sending thank you letters to those bringing the property up to compliance has made a difference.

(G) LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS - Commissioner Frisbie thanked everyone for their continued support. He reported on activities at the county level, including the mention of a potential transit plan to be developed, the availability of Community Action utility assistance and information pertaining to Senior resources is obtainable by dialing 211.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

13. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 11/8/18/52

Moved by Trustee Shaw, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to reject, under the Second Right of Refusal: foreclosed properties not sold by the County Treasurer at auction. The four properties include, parcel ID numbers 04-090-022-03 Marvin Street, 04-260-020-00 Lynn Drive, 04-440-012-00 183 Saratoga Avenue and 04-360-018-01 Beulah Avenue.

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

14. CITIZENS TIME

A resident volunteered to provide a presentation on emergency readiness, a member of the planning commission spoke about the integrity within the commission and the work that they put forward.

15. TRUSTEES PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Gibson thanked the committee for starting the recall, Congratulated Supervisor elect Rande Johnson, and also thanked the hardworking police officers and township firefighters.

16. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Clerk Feraco shared the fact that the voter turnout numbers in this election, in Bedford Township, compared with those of the presidential election two years ago were significantly higher; translating to the fact that many more residents are exercising their right to vote.

17. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Clerk Feraco, supported Trustee Shaw
Voice vote by all members to adjourn the board meeting at 7:47pm.

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

RANDOLPH JOHNSON, SUPERVISOR

JOYCE FERACO, CLERK