



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

July 11, 2019 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Johnson called the regularly scheduled Board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board members and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Rande Johnson, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk - excused; Chrisandra Dezotell, Treasurer; Joseph Cipic, Trustee; Connie Gibson, Trustee; Kraig Dingman, Trustee; Sally Shaw, Trustee - excused.

4. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2019 AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Cipic and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the July 11, 2019 agenda.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson

0 - No

2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw

Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 13, 2019 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the June 13, 2019 minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson

0 - No

2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw

Motion carried.

6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Johnson spoke about the county working on the drainage issues on Snow and Wellington. He pointed out that the work to make the building and the election equipment secure has begun. The unsafe playground equipment in Ardmoor Park has been removed. Thanks to the county for getting out promptly to take care of roadside mowing and pothole patching.

7. CITIZENS TIME – agenda items only

No residents wished to speak.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Kate Turner, of Calhoun County Senior Services, gave a presentation about the services available because of the Senior Millage passed in 1996. The millage will be up for renewal next year. She explained the annual report and gave copies of handouts to Board members and the audience.

9. COMMUNICATIONS – ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- Draft June 13, 2019 minutes
- Check register
- BCPD activity reports
- Par Plan News

10. REPORTS

A. FINANCE

RES. 07/11/19/33

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve payment of expenses totaling \$58,093.34.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson

0 - No

2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw

Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Hopkins reported about last month's activity. He mentioned that the burglaries, larceny, and check fraud could have been preventable by locking up important items like your doors on home and vehicle, putting locks on mobile items like trailers, and making sure your financial information is in a safe place.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger talked about last month's activity. Grass fires have decreased from this time last year. He mentioned that the department would be starting to respond to more medical calls after the completion of the Medical First Responder training currently taking place. He also talked about how the insurance companies get the information they use for setting insurance rates based on water supply, i.e. hydrants.

C. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Supervisor Johnson mentioned that the cemeteries, parks, and grounds of our buildings are all looking great thanks to our building and grounds crew.

D. BUILDING OFFICIAL – No report.

E. BLIGHT OFFICER – No report.

F. CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION – Trustee Cipic invited audience members to attend the next Planning Commission meeting on July 23, 2019.

G. LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS – No report.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 07/11/19/34

Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application by Trippy Forest LLC for 5884 Morgan Road. This property will be renovated/constructed for use as a Medical Marihuana Provisioning Center. This was approved by the Planning Commission on June 25, 2019. Site plan review has been conducted and approved. All paperwork has been submitted.

The initial motion was made by Johnson and supported by Cipcic. Discussion ensued, including questions and comments from Attorney Nelson Karre representing a resident. Without having the supporting documentation from the Planning Commission to answer the questions, the resolution was amended to table the topic until the next meeting.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipcic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson
0 - No
2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw
Motion carried.

RES. 07/11/19/35

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Dingman and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the amendment to the noise ordinance, an ordinance enacted pursuant to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, 2011 PA 256, as amended (MCL 28.451, et seq.), to regulate the use of fireworks within the Charter Township of Bedford; to provide an effective date of said ordinance and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith. The entire ordinance was read in and provided to board members at the June meeting.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipcic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson
0 - No
2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw
Motion carried.

RES. 07/11/19/36

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Gibson and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the establishment of an Absentee Voter Counting Board for elections held in Bedford Township.

ROLL CALL

5 - Yes – Johnson, Cipcic, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson
0 - No
2 - Excused – Feraco, Shaw
Motion carried.

13. CITIZENS TIME

A resident asked about markings on 48th Street. Another resident answered that they were for a bike route, not for construction.

A resident inquired if we had any additional information regarding the bridge on Halbert. We did not.

A resident commented on the discussion regarding Res. 07/11/19/34.

14. TRUSTEES’ PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustees Cipic, Dingman, and Gibson all made comments about working to get the process for medical marihuana worked through so that it is correct and transparent.

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Supervisor Johnson explained that it is the job of this board to be the checks and balances of the other committees such as the Planning Commission. Treasurer Dezotell commented about the medical marihuana discussion and reminded people that the residents of Bedford Township voted to have marihuana and it is the Board’s job to represent the voters.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next Board meeting is August 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Randolph Johnson, Supervisor

Joyce Feraco, Clerk