



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD

115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037

March 12, 2020 - 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 12, 2020 AGENDA

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the March 12, 2020 agenda, as submitted.

ROLL CALL

6 - Yes – Johnson, Feraco, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson, Shaw

0 - No

1 - Absent – Cipic

Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2020 MINUTES

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Treasurer Dezotell, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the February 13, 2020 minutes, as submitted.

ROLL CALL

6 - Yes – Johnson, Feraco, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson, Shaw

0 - No

1 - Absent – Cipic

Motion carried.

6. SUPERVISOR'S ADDRESS

Supervisor Johnson mentioned that we would be having a presentation on COVID-19 Coronavirus during the special order of business.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – agenda items only

Two people mentioned that the board should take it slow investing in the Parks & Recreation Plan, as they are afraid improvements won't be taken care of by the residents.

A resident thanked the board for passing the Parks & Recreation Plan.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Presentation by Kate Turner from Calhoun County Senior Services regarding their annual report as well as the millage renewal for Senior Services coming up in August. She also thanked Clerk Feraco and Deputy Clerk George for their assistance with re-instating Commodities Distribution at Bedford Manor.

Presentation by Terrie Godde, EMS Education Coordinator with the State of Michigan, regarding the COVID-19 Coronavirus with tips on keeping your family healthy.

9. COMMUNICATIONS – ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

- Draft February 13, 2020 minutes
- Check register
- BCPD activity reports
- Bedford Fire Department activity reports
- Calhoun County Senior Services Annual Report
- 2020-2024 Charter Township of Bedford Parks and Recreation Plan

10. REPORTS

A. FINANCE

RES. 03/12/20/04

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 \$33,344.84.

ROLL CALL

6 - Yes – Johnson, Feraco, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson, Shaw

0 - No

1 - Absent – Cipicic

Motion carried.

B. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

POLICE: Battle Creek Police Officer Hopkins reviewed the activity reports.

FIRE: Chief Cochensparger gave a summary of the fire and medical runs the department responded to last month.

C. BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Kevin Dezotell – no report

D. BUILDING OFFICIAL – Mark Hires – no report

E. BLIGHT OFFICER – Bill Scutt – no report

F. CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING COMMISSION – Barry Beamish – He stated that the marihuana grow facility that the Planning Commission approved has met all of the criteria and that the crops may be helpful for the bee population.

G. LEGISLATIVE AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Calhoun County Road Commissioner Steve Frisbie shared that there would be a special AMSA meeting on Wednesday at City Hall to discuss the response to COVID-19 Coronavirus. He also mentioned that a contract had been granted for cold patch for the county roads and congratulated the new county Sheriff and Clerk/Register of Deeds.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

RES. 03/12/20/05

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to adopt the 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Plan prepared by Fleis & Vandenbrink and approved by the Planning Commission at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

ROLL CALL

6 - Yes – Johnson, Feraco, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson, Shaw

0 - No

1 - Absent – Cipcic

Motion carried.

RES. 03/12/20/06

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, supported by Trustee Shaw, and resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Bedford to approve the Conditional Use Permit Application by Springfield Holdings, LLC for Property 04-018-002-07 at 21864 West County Line Road. This property will be constructed for use as a Medical Marihuana Grow Facility. This was approved by the Planning Commission on February 25, 2020. All conditions have been met.

ROLL CALL

6 - Yes – Johnson, Feraco, Dezotell, Dingman, Gibson, Shaw

0 - No

1 - Absent – Cipcic

Motion carried.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

The owner of the Medical Marihuana Grow Facility gave a short presentation about the plans for the operation.

A resident discussed some history of Bedford. He also mentioned that there will be a Farmer's Market starting the first Saturday after Mother's Day from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at Ardmoor Park.

14. TRUSTEES' PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Trustee Dingman thanked the owner of the Medical Marihuana Grow Facility for his presentation.

Trustee Gibson thanked the Clerk's office for the hard work on elections. .

15. ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHAIR, CHAIRPERSON OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

Clerk Feraco commented about the recent election. There were 31 election workers who served, 14 of them were newly trained. The age range was from 18-90 years old. The Clerk’s office mailed 1300 absent voter applications, sent 894 absentee ballots, and received 822 of the absentee ballots back. There was a total of 1,805 voters; that means 45% of the voters who participated voted by absentee ballot. That confirmed that it was a good move to establish the Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB). She also announced that there will be a May 5 election for Gull Lake voters only (KRESA millage).

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next Board meeting is April 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Randolph Johnson, Supervisor

Joyce Feraco, Clerk