



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BEDFORD  
115 S. Uldriks Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49037  
April 19, 2023 – 1:30 PM  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

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**1. CALL TO ORDER 1:30 PM**

**2. MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

Present - Joni Jones, Supervisor; Joyce Feraco, Clerk; Erica Miller, Treasurer; Barry Beamish, Trustee; Stacy Greenwood, Trustee; Mark Hires, Trustee.

Absent (Excused) – Kraig Dingman, Trustee

**5. APPROVAL OF April 19, 2023 AGENDA**

Moved by Trustee Greenwood, supported by Trustee Hires to approve the April 19, 2023 agenda, as submitted..

**ROLL CALL**

6 – Yes

1 - Absent

Motion carried

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Agenda items only)**

- A citizen stated that the Board was not acting in the spirit of the law. The citizen was asked to address the board rather than turning to video record the audience while speaking. The citizen received two warnings to follow the adopted rules for public decorum and, after failing to do so, was asked to leave the building or be charged with trespassing. (MCL 15.263(b)(6) and 750.552(1)(b), The citizen was escorted out by police officers. *The Supervisor called for a five minute recess during the disturbance.*
- A citizen stated his displeasure with the Board.

**7. INTRODUCTION OF PURPOSE OF HEARING & PROCESS**

Supervisor Jones stated the purpose of the meeting was to hear the FOIA Appeal #23-0215A of Adam Heikkila related to the fee assessed (“Good Faith Estimate”) for his request of 45 days of security camera footage from a parking lot camera. She explained the process for the hearing.

## **8. PRESENTATION OF FOIA APPEAL, BOARD DELIBERATION & ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINDING**

Clerk Feraco presented the original FOIA request language and the FOIA appeal language. She then explained the calculation of the assessed fee and presented documentation from the Knight Watch IT tech related to downloading, storing and uploading video recordings. Clerk Feraco then recommended denying the cost appeal for FOIA #23-0215A and upholding the “Good Faith Estimate” fee as assessed.

The appellant, Adam Heikkila, then presented his calculation and belief that the calculation is incorrect. Documents validating the FOIA Coordinator’s calculation was provided to Mr. Heikkila for review.

The Board asked questions related to the calculation and emphasized that if the actual time did not match up to the estimate, then Mr. Heikkila would not be charged that amount.

Motion by Trustee Greenwood, support by Trustee Beamish to deny the cost appeal and uphold the “Good Faith Estimate” as assessed.

## **ROLL CALL**

5 – Yes  
1 - No (Miller)  
1 – Absent (Dingman)  
Motion carried

## **9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Several citizens expressed their displeasure with the Board.

## **10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

- Trustee Beamish had no comments.
- Trustee Greenwood had no comments.
- Trustee Hires had no comments.
- Treasurer Miller stated her displeasure with the vote.
- Clerk Feraco had no comments.
- Supervisor Jones corrected and clarified some of the erroneous information presented by the appellant. She also informed those present that the scheduled board meeting for May 11 would be cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. A special meeting will be scheduled for May 18 instead and an announcement will be posted.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.