

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182

August 1, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Paul Francis, Treasurer

Lamar Frederick, Trustee
TC Clements, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, Pat England, United Methodist Church, Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith Group, Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief, Tim Lake, MCBDC, Connie Velliquette, Monroe County Conservation District, & Pat Thatcher, Head of the Bedford Maintenance Dept.

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda with the removal of item 4-B, Presentation of The Monroe County Sheriff's Service Contract Summary for June 2017, and placing it under Information, and the addition of item 7D, Request for Approval of the School Road Repaving Project Change Order. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the July 18, 2017 Bedford Township Board Minutes.

Approval of the July 20, 2017 Bedford Township Special Board Meeting Minutes
Accepted with regret the resignation of Tom Helberg from the Downtown Development Corporation

Approved the appointment of Griffin Kirsch to the Veteran's Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING MILITARY VETERANS

Pirrone and Hershberger presented pins honoring 4 veterans of the military, thanking them on behalf of the board and community for their service to our country.

Don Adams, US Air Force Korean War

Jerry Mullins, US Air Force Cuban Missile Crisis

Greg Scsavnicki, US Navy Vietnam

Warren Wagner, US Army World War II – deceased

Members of the township board and the audience stood and applauded.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP AND THE MONROE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Connie Velliquette, member of the Monroe Conservation District Board spoke and introduced Rob Bates, a technician for the district. They spoke to the board, explaining the help and impact the Monroe Conservation District has on Bedford Township, then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the agreement between Bedford Township and the Monroe Conservation District for 2017-18 and authorize payment of \$1,000.00 to the Monroe Conservation District for the services they provide to the residents of Bedford. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE LEWIS AVENUE CORRIDOR BY TOWNSHIP ENGINEER BARRY BUSCHMANN

Barry Buschmann, Tim Lake and Deputy Supervisor Al Prieur spoke to the board, going over the handout and offering suggestions for possible funding to develop a plan for Lewis Avenue from the Ohio state line to Erie Road. Board members asked questions and commented at length regarding making improvements to the downtown Temperance area as well as the rest of the corridor. Pirrone asked the board for direction on this issue. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to pursue improvements to the downtown Temperance area, to create a committee called the Temperance Revitalization Committee and post on the website the acceptance of applications. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Adam Massingill presented this request, informing the board that currently 95% of the calls the department receives are medical in nature and our current equipment is old and out of date. He gave more information and details explaining the need for a new vehicle then answered board members questions. After the board voted, he gave them additional information on the needs for more upgrades in the future and how the new staffing plan is working. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the purchase of a new Lifeline ambulance from R&R Fire Truck Repair, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$250,000.00, and to seek a 3 to 4-year financing plan. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – spoke to the Lewis Avenue Corridor issue and TAC.
Connie Velliquette, 6684 Greenbriar – thanked the board for their support of the Monroe Conservation District.
Tim Janney, 3818 Consear – spoke against the Northwoods PUD rezoning to R-1.
Diana Janney, 3818 Consear - spoke against the Northwoods PUD rezoning to R-1.
Bernice Bilger, 8610 Summerfield - spoke against the Northwoods PUD rezoning to R-1.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Pirrone spoke to the issue, stating this position is a contracted service not an employee. Hershberger stated the handout is simply a description of what the independent contractor would be expected to do and that this was a recommendation from the Communications Committee. Goldsmith spoke, explaining the issue further. A long discussion followed with board members commenting on the job description, budget issues, and policy/procedure issues. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve placing the job description of a position of a contracted program director on the township website. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO EQUIPMENT

George Welling spoke, stating he had gathered the three bids for the equipment and the total cost would not exceed \$33,000.00, recommending the low bid from Great Lakes Multi Media with a low bid of \$27,573.00, the additional funds being needed for various equipment such as a new computer, cords, an external hard drive, etc. Board members asked questions and commented on the request, followed by a long discussion. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Tienvieri to table the approval of the purchase of new video equipment until the contracted program director position is determined. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: Francis. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED RESOLUTION FOR THE MOHAWK TRAILS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Hershberger spoke, stating this revised resolution is being requested because the original resolution approved by the board stated the assessments against the properties in Mohawk Trails were to begin in 2017, and she has been informed by MCRC the road improvement will be less than 50% completed by the end of 2017. She believes it's unfair to the residents of Mohawk Trails to have to pay for a road improvement before it can be completed, so this revised resolution will change the start date for the assessment to begin in December of 2018, instead of 2017. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the revised resolution for the Mohawk Trails special assessment district for road improvement, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A MCRC CHANGE FORM FOR SCHOOL ROAD

Francis spoke, stating this second MCRC change will allow for a widening of School road to 22 feet and be done as a hot mix asphalt surface instead of a double chip seal surface as was originally planned in the first change order. MCRC believes that handling the road improvement in this way will increase the stability of the road's shoulders, and provide long term support to the new road surface. The cost will be \$56,692.00 but will not require any additional cost this year as this increase will be advanced by MCRC who will then deduct that amount from our 2018 local share contribution. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to approve the MCRC change order for School Road, between Secor Road and the Township line at a cost of \$56,692.00, as

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presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$252,717.57, Fire District-\$17,190.01, Police Fund-\$96,219.03, Park Fund-\$5,128.43, Transit System Fund-\$17,663.67, Library Operating Fund-\$6,989.36, Indian Acres SAD-\$8,562.43, Sandywell Dr. SAD-\$2,030.05, Mohawk Trails SAD-\$9,905.85, Downtown Development Authority-\$12,578.13, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,187,430.72, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$2,321.90 for a total of \$1,618,737.15. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST TO REVOKE THE NORTHWOODS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AGREEMENT

Goldsmith spoke giving the board a brief history of this parcel and stating that the township has the right to revoke the original development plan and agreement if the development does not begin within a certain time frame. He explained that in 2006, the properties were zoned as AG and rezoned to PUD in order to develop it, but the development was never done and Summer Woods LLC no longer has an interest in the subject properties. The current master plan designates this area as Suburban Residential, so when the board approves the request to revoke the PUD, they will need to approve the rezoning of the properties to R-1. Pirrone invited Mr. Tim Janney to come to the podium to speak to the issue. He stated he wished to have his property rezoned back to AG, as it originally was, and stated his reasons for the request. Goldsmith responded, stating the board could not approve rezoning his property to AG at this meeting, because of publication requirements and both township and county planning had already approved and recommended the board rezone the properties to R-1, to rezone to AG would result in a split zoning. Frederick recused himself from voting on the issue due to work he had done on it in the past. A long discussion followed. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the request to revoke the Northwoods Planned Unit development plan and agreement, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, & Hershberger. Nays: Tienvieri & Pirrone. Abstained: Frederick

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE PARCEL NO'S 5802-019-043-00, 5802-019-049-10, 5802-019-050-00 AND PORTIONS OF PARCEL NO'S 5802-019-042-00, 5802-019-043-10 & 5802-019-046-00 FROM PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Discussion continued on the issue, with both Hershberger and Goldsmith answering board members questions. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to table the request for approval to Rezone Parcel No's 5802-019-043-00, 5802-019-049-10, 5802-019-050-00 And Portions of Parcel No's 5802-019-042-00, 5802-019-043-10 & 5802-019-046-00 from PUD, Planned Unit Development To R-1 Single Family Residential, until the next board meeting to allow board members to look into the issue and talk to the planning department for clarification on the issue. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 5802-011-010-70 FROM C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TO R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED WITHIN THE SAMARIA VILLAGE OVERLAY DISTRICT

Pirrone spoke to the issue and invited property owners James & Jennifer Silverthorn to come to the podium to speak to their request. They stated they had purchased the property several years ago, but had not had anyone interested in buying it for use as a commercial site. They decided to request it be rezoned to R-2A, which they would then split into 3 parcels and sell them to be built on. Board members commented on whether this corner lot at Samaria and Lewis would be a prime spot for commercial building, the lack of city water at the site, and various other issues. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the rezoning of Parcel No. 5802-011-010-70 from C-1, Local Business District To R-2A, Single Family Residential District, located within the Samaria Village Overlay District, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Pirrone invited Pat Thatcher, head of maintenance to come to the podium and speak to the issue of the purchase of the new equipment. He informed the board of the research he had done, the purchase proposals he had received, that it will be used initially for snow removal, digging graves and scrape park trails and has the ability to do much more depending on the addition or attachments. The current dump truck is very old and cannot be repaired anymore because the parts are no longer made. This equipment will do many of the same jobs and is much smaller and more versatile. He then introduced a representative from Buck & Knobby Equipment Co, Inc. They board answered board members questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to approve the purchase of a Wacker Neuson 32 Articulated Wheel Loader at a cost of \$57,838.00, from Buck & Knobby Equipment Co, Inc., as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to table this issue until the next township board meeting due to the lateness of the hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – questioned if the road improvement to Indian Acres would be done this year. Hershberger responded it would be at least 90% complete.

Steiner- welcomed Lamar Frederick to the board and mentioned it's his 19th wedding anniversary.

Clements- thanked the Monroe Conservation District and the Bedford Fire Department for their hard work.

Frederick- mentioned he was getting a lot of help from the staff getting him “up to speed” on township issues.

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Hershberger- stated she would be bringing to the board a request for compensation for Dennis Jenkins who is helping the Planning Department with the many changes and information now required, to be able to continue to allow residents to get the 10% discount on flood plain insurance.

Francis- due to the lateness of the hour he deferred speaking at this time.

Pirrone- congratulated new Veterans Committee member Griffin Kirsch, thanked Tom Helberg for his many years of service on the DDA, stated the pinning of veterans was going well, welcomed Frederick to the board, urged board members to visit the township's maintenance building and look around at the needed repairs, mentioned Frederick would be serving as liaison to the Township Planning Commission, and congratulated the Veteran's Committee on selling \$5,200.00 worth of t-shirts.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary