

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

August 15, 2017

7:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk

Lamar Frederick, Trustee  
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

**EXCUSED:** TC Clements, Trustee, Rick Steiner, Trustee, Paul Francis, Treasurer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Marty Kamprath, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief, Karen Kincaid, Planning Administrator, David Edwards, Bridgepoint Church

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A FARMLAND AGREEMENT FOR SCOTT OTTO ON PROPERTY ID NO 5802-010-012-11**

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Frederick to open the public hearing for the approval of a farmland agreement for Scott Otto on property ID no 5802-010-012-11. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

No one spoke to the issue.

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Frederick to close the public hearing for the approval of a farmland agreement for Scott Otto on property ID no 5802-010-012-11. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

Hershberger spoke, explaining the request and stating both County Planning and the Monroe Conservation District has approved this request.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the farmland agreement for Scott Otto on property ID no 5802-010-012-11, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the August 1, 2017 township board minutes.

To accept and place on file the General, Savings, Pooled Funds, and CD reports from the Treasurer.

To accept and place on file the Expense Report and Balance Sheet for period ending July 31, 2017.

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To approve the appointment of Gene Stock to the Downtown Temperance Revitalization Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.

To approve the appointment of Al Prieur to the Downtown Temperance Revitalization Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Fawn Turshon, 3746 Consear – spoke to the rezoning/PUD issue.

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear - spoke to the rezoning/PUD issue.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF HURST EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT AND FIRE HOSES**

Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief spoke, explaining the need for both the extrication equipment and the fire hoses which will significantly upgrade the fire department in both areas. He then responded to board members questions and comments.

Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the purchase of Hurst Extrication Equipment from the Palmyra Fire Dept. at a cost of \$2,000 and the purchase of 12 sections of fire hose from Time Emergency Equipment at a cost of \$2,335.40, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DONATE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S MASS-CASUALTY TRAILER TO THE MONROE COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS ASSOC. IN EXCHANGE FOR TRAINING FOR FOUR FIREFIGHTERS**

Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief spoke, explaining the trailer was purchased in the late 1990's and designed to be utilized for mass-casualty incidents. Since then the State has strategically placed more advanced mass-casualty trailers throughout Michigan, including Monroe and Adrian. He does not believe the township needs to maintain this trailer and is suggesting it be given to the Monroe County Firefighters Association in return for the free training of four of Bedford's firefighters. He then responded to board members questions and comments.

Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the donation of the township fire department's mass casualty trailer to the Monroe County Firefighters Association in exchange for the training of four Bedford firefighters, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PUT OUT FOR BID THE SALE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 1996 FORD MINI PUMPER**

Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief spoke, stating the fire departments 1996 Ford mini-pumper is underutilized and has been replaced by other equipment. He believes the department would be better served selling it now, while it still has value, instead of keeping it, rarely using it then trying to sell it with little or no market value. He then informed the board the value is roughly between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Board members commented and asked questions.

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Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to permit the Fire Department to bid out their 1996 Ford Mini-pumper for sale at a price of not less than \$20,000 and to bring the bid responses back to the board for a decision. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

**OLD BUSINESS**

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

Karen Kincaid, Planning Administrator spoke, explaining the issue in detail and giving a historical view from when it began in 2005. Pirrone also invited Attorney Marty Kamprath to speak and explain what the board can and cannot do regarding the issue and the ramifications if the rezoning isn't approved. Board members commented and asked questions of both Kincaid and Kamprath. Pirrone spoke, stating he felt the issue is complex and important enough that the issue should be decided by the full board, not just four members. Tienvieri disagreed with that opinion.

Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Frederick to table this issue until the September 5, 2017 township board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$30,475.23, Fire District-\$9,346.87, Police Fund-\$442.89, Park Fund-\$12,780.11, Library Operating Fund-\$5,068.20, Water Revenue Fund-\$1,480.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$6,352.06, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,241.55, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$23,823.16 for a total of \$91,010.07. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements, Steiner, Francis

DISCUSSION REGARDING NEEDED REPAIRS TO THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Pirrone invited Deputy Supervisor Prieur to come to the podium to speak to the issue. The building is in need of maintenance with it has not been receiving for many years. The windows in the front need to be replaced, there are drainage issues, the bathroom is not ADA compliant, the area under the windows is crumbling. Both Pirrone and Prieur have been to the place several times and are suggesting the board consider a new façade on the front, providing sketches and renderings from a local architect. Board members asked questions and Pirrone asked the board for direction, stating he has money in the budget to pay for improvements. After discussion, the board recommended he get some general pricing based on the sketches presented and bring the issue back to the board.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Robyn Bush, 215 W. Substation – spoke to the board regarding the former Law Enforcement Committee issue.

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear – thanked the board and township attorney for the time they have taken regarding the PUD/rezoning issue.

Greg Skiver, 1520 Meadowbrook Way – spoke to the issue of the Lion's Den and Lions Club, regarding the maintenance building appearance and questioned the status of the Meadowbrook Way road issue.

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Fawn Turshon, 3746 Consear – spoke again regarding the rezoning/PUD issue.

Carol Stephens, 7528 Wellesley – spoke regarding a presentation she had made at a DDA meeting regarding a veteran’s monument.

**COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

**Tienvieri** – stated she would be coming into the township to look at the paperwork from the former Law Enforcement Committee, and questioned whether the paperwork from Law Enforcement Committee member Dean Ansel was available.

**Frederick** – spoke to the possible need for Open Meetings Act training for boards and commissions, and questioned the status of the Meadowbrook Way issue.

**Hershberger** – stated the Communications Committee had met and informed the board of the issues they are working on. She stated her department has the Law Enforcement Committee’s paperwork but does not have any paperwork from committee members that was never submitted at a Law Enforcement Committee meeting and would not be willing to put that information with the official Law Enforcement Committee’s documents.

**Pirrone**

Stated he would contact Ansel regarding his Law Enforcement Committee information, answered Fredericks and Skivers questions regarding the Meadowbrook Way road issue, stated the Crabb Road project is going forward and will hopefully be done this year. He also mentioned a meeting on Thursday regarding Secor Road south of Sterns and the possibility of widening the road. If anyone has a road issue to call the Monroe County Road Commission and gave their phone number and website. The next town hall meeting will be on addition. He then stated that regarding the rezoning, he just wants what’s best for everyone, and mentioned the township board operates under amended Roberts Rules of Order.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary