

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

August 16, 2016

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Greg Stewart, Supervisor
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Paul Francis, Treasurer

Larry O'Dell, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Marty Kamprath, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the agenda with the addition of a Report from State Rep. Jason Sheppard under Presentations. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the August 9, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Accept and place on file the General, Savings, Pooled Bunds and CD reports from the Treasurer.

Approve and place on file the Revenue/Expense report and Balance Sheet for the period ending July 31, 2016.

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

PRESENTATIONS

State Representative Jason Sheppard spoke, informing the board of the various items the State House will be working on when they meet again in September. He also congratulated all who won in the August 2, 2016 Primary Election, and reminded board members and residents that he now has an office in Bedford on Jackman Road and his door is always open.

PUBLIC COMMENT - 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-\$100,511.25, Fire District-\$8,263.17, Police Fund-\$1,074.37, Park Fund-\$959.77, Water Revenue Fund-\$2,500.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$250.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$11,678.99, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$875.00, for a total of \$126,113.06. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW AN OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL USE IN A C-2, SHOPPING CENTER BUSINESS DISTRICT AND C-3, GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT WITH SPECIAL APPROVAL (SECTIONS 400.1203 & 400.1302

Stewart spoke to the issue, stating the following ordinance amendment requests were discussed in detail at a recent Committee of the Whole meeting. Attorney Kamprath spoke, informing the board that this

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ordinance amendment will only affect 13 parcels in the township and explained the ordinance in detail. All of the board members spoke to the issue and asked questions of Attorney Kamprath. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the ordinance amendment to allow an outdoor recreations use in a C-2, Shopping Center Business District and C-3, General Business District with Special Approval, Sections 400.1203 and 400.1302. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW PONDS IN AN R-1 THROUGH R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT, WITH SPECIAL APPROVAL (SECTION 400.403)

Attorney Kamprath spoke, stating this amendment will allow ponds in residential zoning districts when the lot is at least 10 acres in size, will be subject to Pond Ordinance No. 76, and will affect about 30 lots in the township. A short discussion followed, with Kamprath answering board members questions. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Hershberger to approve the ordinance amendment to allow ponds in an R-1 through R-3, Single Family Residential Zoning District, with Special Approval, Section 400.403, as amended by the Planning Department. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO ALLOW POOLS IN AN AG, AGRICULTURAL ZONING DISTRICT (SECTION 400.901)

Attorney Kamprath spoke, stating this is a "housekeeping" type of amendment, which will fix the omission of allowing pools in an AG (agricultural) zoning which has a single family dwelling. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the ordinance amendment to allow pools in an AG, Agricultural Zoning District, Section 400.901. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REGARDING STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, NON-COMMERCIAL TRAILERS AND EQUIPMENT (SECTION 400.1920)

Kamprath stated the township's ordinance department had requested this change, which will restrict all types of recreational vehicles to reasonable time limits, which would be no more than 2 hours on the street and 48 hours within a front yard, the accumulative total not to exceed 14 days of any calendar year. Discussion followed and Kamprath answered board members questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the ordinance amendment regarding storage of recreational vehicles, non-commercial trailers and equipment, Section 400.1920. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE POND ORDINANCE NO 76, PART 251.000 (GENERAL CODE ORDINANCE REGARDING PONDS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS)

Kamprath stated this is also a "housekeeping" amendment, going along with the ordinance amendment allowing for ponds in residential districts of 10 acres. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the amendment to Pond Ordinance No. 76, Part 251.000, the General Code Ordinance regarding ponds in residential zoning districts. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE WAIVER FOR TOLEDO STEEL

Stewart spoke, stating this waiver has been approved several times in the recent past, and the ordinance amendment change to take care of this type of issue will probably be in the next batch of ordinance amendments to come before the board. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the Development Design Standards Ordinance Waiver for Toledo Steel. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE BEDFORD LIBRARY TO ASK FOR BIDS TO UPGRADE THE LIGHTING AT THE BEDFORD LIBRARY

Tienvieri spoke to the issue, stating the electrical bills at the library are very high and the library board is looking for ways to cut the costs. Jodi Russ, Bedford Librarian spoke, stating she had contacted Consumers Energy, they came out to look at the issue but did not give her good information. Voss Lighting was contacted and gave an estimated cost to change out all of the lighting, replace it with LED lighting and the potential payback, but the estimate does not include labor. Jodi Russ and the Library board would like approval from the township board to start the bid process for changing out the lighting, and to check and see if Consumers will be offering any kind of rebate in 2017 for this. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to proceed with the bid process to upgrade the lighting at the Bedford Library. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jodi Russ, 1273 Winding Way – spoke to the issue of the library's sidewalk replacement being delayed until after Labor Day, and suggested the board look at a different type of ice melt for the sidewalks that will not damage them.

Karen Rideout, 8112 Douglas – spoke regarding noise issues with Forestview Lanes, and her disappointment with the board's decision regarding the Outdoor Recreational Use ordinance amendment.

Darnel Forthome, 2263 W. Dean – spoke regarding noise issues with Forestview Lanes.

Shelly Stadkiczuk, 6437 Secor – spoke in support of Forestview lanes and their programs for families.

Mary Swartz, 7701 Jackman – spoke in support of Forestview Lanes and their programs for families.

James Nyhan, 8277 Argyll - spoke in support of Forestview Lanes and their programs for families.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the pools & ponds ordinance amendments and the recreational vehicle ordinance amendment.

Rich Kenny, 7824 Jackman – owner of Forestview Lanes, thanked the board for the approval of the Outdoor Recreational Use ordinance amendment and stated he is trying to keep the noise level down. He also said he is trying to be a good neighbor.

Tim McAfee, 91837 Pamela – stated he is willing to work for the township as an economic developer.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri - responded to comments about checking noise levels for Forestview Lanes, commented on the RV's and the times they can be parked, stated she is impressed with the hard work by the Library Board and the great job Jodi Russ does. She also thanked State Rep. Jason Sheppard and State Senator Dale

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Zorn for their work, and complained the pricing for Buckeye Cable has gone up, the service is bad, and wants the removal of the franchise fee.

Steiner – thanked Trudy, Karen and Jodi for their work getting the ordinances updated, stated he had visited Forestview Lanes and mentioned the need to be a good neighbor and work with the residents in the area. He said the committee has been working on updating the Communications/Cable Committee's By-Laws and it will be on the agenda for the 9/6/2016 board meeting. He also asked for an update on the steps to hire a new fire chief, and asked for more info regarding the water issues study done for Sylvania Township by SEMCOG and TMACOG.

Pirrone - stated he believed it wasn't salt harming the Library sidewalks, maybe it was poor workmanship. He also spoke to the Forestview noise issue, and new residents would be aware of how close they are to a business, mentioned the RV ordinance and the times they can be parked, stated he appreciates what Rich Kenny, owner of Forestview Lanes is doing, and would like to see better communications between the trustees and the township office.

O'Dell – stated he is glad to see the board moving ahead on updating the township ordinances, and spoke to the issue of poor quality cement or the workmanship on the Library sidewalks.

Francis – updated the board on the status of the paperwork and related info for the retirement contribution change that took effect on 7/1/2016.

Hershberger – stated that absentee ballots are available for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election, and because of an injunction filed to reinstate straight party voting in Michigan, the straight party voting option may be on the November ballot.

Stewart – spoke to the ordinance amendments, explaining the outdoor entertainment ordinance amendment with special approval affects 13 parcels and when any of those individual parcels apply it would have to go to the Planning Comm. for approval. He then stated the pond, pool, and RV ordinance amendments did not change the criteria but tightened it.

Marty Kamprath, Attorney – spoke, explaining the publication requirements for zoning amendments and text amendments, and the requirement for a public hearing for both types at the Planning Commission level.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary