

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

February 21, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

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

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

EXCUSED: Michelle Bork, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Pastor Scott Isham, Shelton Park Church of God, Ron Whipple, Bedford Fire Chief, 1st Lt. Tony Cuevas, Michigan State Police, Phil Goldsmith, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith

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 by Pastor Scott Isham, Shelton Park Church of God.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Minutes from the February 7, 2017 and February 9, 2017 Board meetings.

The General, Savings, Pooled Funds & CD Report.

The Expense Report and Balance Sheet for period ending January 31, 2017.

The Approval of the Appointment of Michelle Rice and Layne Fraley to the Downtown Development Authority for a 1st term ending 12/31/2020.

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 3F Approval of the Appointments of Melissa Shaffer, Seabron Bowler, Jr., Gerald Mullen, Dean Ansel, Robyne Bush, & Heath Velliquette to the Law Enforcement Committee for a two year term ending 12/31/2018 and added to item 7-B. Discussion of the Law Enforcement Committee. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

PRESENTATIONS

RON WHIPPLE, BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE CHIEF - 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Bedford Fire Chief Ron Whipple gave the board a brief overview of the 2016 Annual Report that was presented. He then thanked the board for their support, and in turn the board thanked him for his service to the community and expressed appreciation for his work with the department.

1ST LT. TONY CUEVAS, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Lt. Cuevas, of the Michigan State Police, gave a power point presentation explaining to the board what the State police responsibilities and duties are. He then answered questions from board members. The board thanked him for the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdalle, 1308 Brandywine, spoke stating his appreciation for the report from the State police, Pastor Isham's prayer, and commented on the proposed Law Enforcement Committee members.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN

Hershberger stated this issue is being brought back to the board because the State of Michigan refused the first resolutions sent because they did not like the format used. These are the same resolutions, done in the format required by the state. Francis then explained to the public what these resolutions were and that submission to the state is required anytime an SAD is done to show the state what the payoff of the debt will be. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the revised deficit elimination plan resolution for the Chapel Creek Subdivision SAD, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the revised deficit elimination plan resolution for the Giant Oaks Subdivision SAD, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the revised deficit elimination plan resolution for the Wildhaven Subdivision SAD, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

TMACOG REPORT, FROM DEPUTY SUPERVISOR

Deputy Supervisor Prieur spoke, informing the board of the latest TMACOG Exec. meeting. Tienvieri questioned several items in his report and other board members mentioned the importance of maintaining a presence on this board. Prieur will continue to report to the board on a monthly basis.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE TOWNSHIP BOARD & ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, SECTIONS 1 AND 2

Francis spoke, stating he believes there is a need for administrative policies citing an MTA class he attended a few years ago. He also said this proposed policy manual had been started after attending that class, but put on a back burner when other issues came up. Board members collectively went over the 7 pages of the proposed policy, correcting wording, adding wording and eliminating other info considered unnecessary. Pirrone asked that Sections 1 & 2 of the proposed policy be changed/corrected and then presented to the board at the next board meeting.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Tienvieri questioned how this committee was formed and why is there no detail and preparation for this committee unlike the formation of the Communications/Media Commission that was created last year. Board members commented, and Steiner and Pirrone stated this is a resurrection of the former Law Enforcement Committee and as such, the preparation and detail were not needed. Clements read some of the issues the committee will be looking at, including a

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mission statement. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve the appointments of Melissa Shaffer, Seabron Bowler, Jr., Gerald Mullen, Dean Ansel, Robyne Bush, & Heath Velliquette to the Law Enforcement Committee for a two year term ending 12/31/2018, with TC Clements as the Township Liaison. Tienvieri stated she would be voting no because, in her opinion committee appointments are being made before the committee is established. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: Bork

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-\$85,051.78, Fire District-\$15,134.97, Police Fund-\$4,695.99, Park Fund-\$4,464.05, Transit System Fund-\$15,725.00, Library Operating Fund-\$3,631.82, Downtown Development Authority-\$33,754.05, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$6,841.41, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$858.41 for a total of \$170,157.48. Tienvieri stated she would be voting no because she was unable to get some questions answered regarding a few of the invoices. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: Bork

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE REZONING OF PARCEL NO. 5802-032-039-05, 2837 W. STERNS FROM R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS WITH CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Pirrone invited Brad Greeley, 3002 Lennox go to the podium to answer questions regarding this rezoning. Pirrone then asked Goldsmith to comment on and explain what this rezoning request with a contractual agreement is and how it is implemented if approved. He and Greeley then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to approve the contractual rezoning request of D & D Land, LLC to rezone from R-2A, Single Family Residential to C-1, Local Business on parcel number 5802-032-039-05, otherwise known as 2837 W. Sterns Road with the contractual agreement of a total building(s) not to exceed 9,000 square feet as it is consistent with the surrounding zonings, with a four year term limitation permitted by Michigan Legislative (125.3405) implemented once the rezoning is in effect, however, should these conditions not be satisfied within the time specified, the land shall revert to its former zoning classification. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 4:1 DEPTH TO WIDTH RATIO WAIVER ON PARCEL NO. 5802-104-015-00, 1719 W. SMITH

Hershberger spoke, stating this request is not unprecedented; this request has come before the board on several occasions. The applicant is requesting the property be split into four parcels, with each having the minimum frontage required, but potential parcel 3 exceeds the depth ratio, thus the request comes before this board. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Hershberger to approval the 4:1 depth to width ratio waiver on Parcel no 5802-104-015-00, 1719 Smith Road, as this is a practice that has been done in the past, the property is zoned R-2A which supports the frontage minimum of which is 90 foot.

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF HOLIDAY PAY FOR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Pirrone spoke, stating he brought this item to the board because he believes part-time employees deserve to be paid holiday pay, they work hard and it still costs less than if they were full-time employees. Board members questioned how many employees would be affected, what the cost would be, whether they would be paid only if they normally worked that day, what are the guidelines for pay and does this include contracted employees. Tienvieri suggested this is an issue in the Personnel Policy and before a decision is made maybe the Personnel Policy should be looked at for changes. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to defer this issue until the March 21, 2017 township board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Bork.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Don Balazs, 825 Eagle Ridge – stated he is with the Bedford Band Boosters and has concerns regarding the upcoming Ribfest and fireworks show.

Dean Ansel, 2005 Center Dr. – thanked Tisdale for his comments, questioned how long board minutes are kept (Hershberger responded, they are kept forever), asked about road improvements to Center Drive, and thanked the board for being appointed to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert – mentioned the length of the board meeting and questioned holiday pay for part-time employees.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to people’s rights, expressed his support for the police and fire departments, and expressed his support for the Law Enforcement Committee.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – expressed her condolences to Michelle Bork on the loss of her husband, asked the supervisor to contact the road commission regarding stone and grading for the gravel roads in Bedford, asked why the Communications/Media Comm. did not have contact info online, requested the chair of the Comm/Media Comm. to come to a meeting to report.

Clements – mentioned the Park Board has gotten bids to repair the Skate Park at Parmelee, but the costs have come in very high, the board is looking for information as to what to do next, reminded residents of the survey the Park Board is doing as part of their 5 year plan, stating survey forms would be available at their Trade Fair booth, the township hall, the library and online. He also offered condolences to the Bork family.

Steiner – stated his thoughts and prayers were with the Bork family, reminded everyone the Trade Fair is March 11th and 12th, and welcomed the new fire chief. He then mentioned the Rib-off and expressed his concerns, questioning if the school had approved it, did it need a BZA waiver, and is the township supporting it.

Francis- with regard to the Rib-off he said the township board has not discussed it, asked who is sponsoring it and is there a contract with the promoter? He then questioned the township attorney regarding the Star Motel issue, the attorney responded to the questions.

Hershberger – stated the Communication/Media Comm. would like residents to know that if you have a complaint about your Buckeye service and cannot resolve it with Buckeye, you can go to

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the Michigan Public Service Commission to file a complaint with them by calling 1-800-292-9555 or online @www.michigan.gov/mpsc or pick up form from the township hall or library to mail in. She also questioned if the Ribfest has been approved by the School board and stated Center Dr. had filed for a SAD a couple of years ago but it failed because the costs were too high due to the drainage issues.

Pirrone

Ribfest – he stated board approval is not needed, the promoter will take care of police coverage 24/7, and ambulance is set, the date is set for June 23rd thru the 25th.

Center Drive – he has contacted the road commission regarding dirt roads and they say it's too early to grade them.

Law Enforcement Committee – they are ready to get moving on issues.

Josh Bowen from Stonehenge – he has met with the gentleman regarding façade grants for downtown Temperance.

Wiseman Drain – there are flooding issues for this area, he has contacted the road commission regarding drainage, an SAD may be needed.

New fire chief Adam Massingill – he had lunch with the new fire chief and drove around the township.

Star Motel – received quotes for asbestos removal (\$25,000 to \$35,000). Cost of removal of asbestos and building demo will cost more than the value of the property. He will meet with the owner regarding these expenses and bring the issue back to the board.

Seasonal help – he is hiring Tom Redmond as a part-time ordinance officer to enforce burning issues in the evenings, to work during the burning season.

Library lights – the Library lighting installation will begin on Wednesday, the township's maintenance people will replace the lighting in the lower areas of the library.

Bedford School Superintendent Mark Kleinhans, school board President Ron Koch, and the planning dept. to talk about what to do with Temperance Road School.

Exhaust fumes in Police vehicles – contacted Brondes Ford regarding possible exhaust leaks in the Ford Explorer, none were found.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary