

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

July 18, 2017

7:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk  
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

TC Clements, Trustee  
Rick Steiner, Trustee

**EXCUSED:** Paul Francis, Treasurer

**ALSO PRESENT:** Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney

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 Logan Tisdale.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the July 11, 2017 Township Board Minutes.

The General, Savings, Pooled Funds & CD Report.

The Expense Report and Balance Sheet for period ending June 30, 2017.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

*SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR BEDFORD FIREFIGHTERS* – Hershberger officially swore in eight new Bedford Firefighters: Evan Back, Mitchell Boss, Steven Brown, Joseph Copciac, Ryan Finn, Dylan Gibbs, Donald Golden, and Zachery Huber. The Board congratulated and welcomed them.

*PRESENTATION OF EQUIPMENT UPGRADES AND POTENTIAL PROGRAMMING FOR LOCAL BROADCASTING – GEORGE WELLING* – Welling explained and brought to the Board the recommendations of the Communication/Media Committee to upgrade and expand the capabilities of the broadcasting system. Their proposal included the option for both a government channel and a community channel. The committee also proposed hiring Welling as a Program Director. Discuss followed with the Board requesting the Communication/Media committee bring back three bids for the equipment and a job description for the Program Director.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke on the Monroe County Sheriff's Department services.

Dean Ansel, 2005 Center Dr. – spoke about the Law Enforcement Committee problems.

**STAFF REPORTS**

*REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW COMPENSATION PACKAGE FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS* – Chief Massingill requested the Board update the Fire Department's Compensation plan. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve

the compensation packet as presented by Chief Massingill. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Francis. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BOARD REVIEW OF THE 2015 FIRE CODE ORDINANCE- Chief Massingill explained the changes and the need for some of the appendixes to be included for safety reasons. After much discussion, the Board asked that this item be brought back to a future meeting.

Chief Massingill also updated the Board on the succession plan in place to train a new Fire Inspector and the possibility to maybe purchase some used extraction equipment from another Fire Department.

**OLD BUSINESS**

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE – Pirrone explained his reason for bringing this item to the Board. Committee members Clements, Ansel, Mullen, and Shaffer spoke to the division, and issues with the committee. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to dissolve the Law Enforcement Committee at this time and that this Board through Committee of the Whole process take up the business at looking at the data and making a decision. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

**NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$32,533.76, Fire District-\$43,006.34, Police Fund-\$1,056.06, Park Fund-\$10,998.06, Transit System Fund-\$17,146.00, Library Operating Fund-\$4,213.02, Water Revenue Fund-\$830.36, Downtown Development Authority-\$250.80, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$13,058.98, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$3,080.50 for a total of \$126,193.88. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A COMPOSTING ORDINANCE – Pirrone read the Memorandum from the Planning Department. Andrew Nycz, who is interested in opening a compost company in Bedford, answered questions. Pirrone stated the benefits of adopting this ordinance, Hershberger mentioned the ordinance was not site specific, but would protect the Bedford residents from other companies. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to adopt the Commercial Composting Facilities Ordinance Amendment to section 400.1502, I-2, Light Industrial District with special approval, and the Amendment to section 201, “definitions” to add definitions regarding composting as presented with the language changes our Planning Commission recommended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A MCRC CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT TO CRABB ROAD FROM US-24 TO STERNS ROAD – Pirrone introduced Tim Lake, MCDC and representatives from FCA (Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) who spoke about a business opportunity on Crabb Road, and how the road work is needed due to the increased truck traffic. Pirrone stated additional road work would be needed on Crabb Road next year and the money for this part of the project is in this year’s budget. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the Crabb Road Contract from the corner of US 24 to Sterns Road at a cost to the Township of \$280,000. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine-spoke on Sheriff's Dept. and Law Enforcement for Bedford.

Dean Ansel, 2005 Center Drive-wanted to clarify comments made regarding the Law Enforcement Committee.

Dr. Gregory Robinson, 487 W. Dean-asked whether the votes for the Trustee position would be made public.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Steiner-passed.

Clements-spoke about the Law Enforcement Committee. Stated he is passionate about the community and especially about security and safety issues.

Tienvieri-mentioned there will be no secret ballot. The discussion and the decision to choose a new trustee will be open and public. Also, Bedford is blessed to have a strong Fire Dept.

Hershberger-Let the Board know all the new computers have been installed. She is disappointed one Board member leaked the names of the five candidates to be interviewed before the other candidates were notified. Then she listed the five chosen (in no particular order): Dennis Jenkins, LaMar Frederick, James Nyhan, Heath Velliquette, and Linda Rohr. The interviews will take place Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They will be done one at a time and open to the public. She also congratulated the Fire Dept. and Chief Massingill on doing such a good job.

Pirrone-Congratulated Chief Massingill on doing a great job and the good communication between him and the Board. He is excited about the Crabb Road project and the jobs it will create. Cybersecurity is moving forward with classes starting this fall at BHS and MCC. The Lewis Avenue Road Construction should start the beginning of Aug. and will include stripping for parking. Mannik Smith are studying past streetscapes to see what can be done in downtown Temperance. Grant money and business involvement will be needed along with keeping TAC involved. The Ribfeast is this weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 9:35 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy L. Gin  
Recording Secretary