

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

July 5, 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: Tim Lake, President MCBDC, Phil Goldsmith, 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 Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The minutes from the June 21, 2016 Regular board meeting.

The resignation of Mike Hennessey from the Bedford Fire Department, effective June 6, 2016.

Tienvieri spoke, requesting the board approve a wording change to the June 21, 2016 township board meeting under the Consent Agenda, changing the wording of her comment from “the residents named” to “why other applicants were not being considered”. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the June 21, 2016 Township Board minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

TIM LAKE, PRESIDENT OF THE MONROE COUNTY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Tim Lake, President of the MCBDC spoke to the board, explaining his organization is a non-profit organization, giving his organizations goals and strategies for attracting new businesses to Bedford Township and the county as a whole. He gave details on various programs available to promote business retention and growth and the potential value to Bedford of the bridge and corridor projects (I-75 reconstruction and the new bridge between Michigan and Canada). He then informed the board that in Bedford, unemployment is only 3.2%, there have been 7,265 new job creations, building activity is up, and Bedford Township is very stable with an average income per household of \$62,000.00. Board members commented on his information, asked questions, and thanked him for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rich Kenny, 7824 Jackman, commented on portions of the draft of the special use ordinance amendment, specifically on setbacks and fencing.

Karen Rideout, 8112 Douglas, spoke against the draft of the special use ordinance amendment, citing noise and lighting issues.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ASSESSING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANTHONY JOSEPH KEANE

Stewart spoke, reading the memo from the board packet, stating this would be a one (1) year contract. Board members questioned and commented on details of the proposed agreement for assessing services. Mr. Keane came to the podium and spoke to the issues answering some of the board members questions. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the independent contract for assessing services between the township and Anthony Joseph Keane, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE DRAFT OF THE SPECIAL USE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Stewart introduced Tom Graham, Township Attorney, who informed the board of the background behind this ordinance amendment, stating this would allow private outdoor recreational activity in Commercial (C-2 or C-3) districts. He also stated this is the beginning of the process, the next step will be for the Bedford Planning Commission to hold a public hearing on the subject, which then might be sent back to him for changes or adjustments, but ultimately being approved by local planning, then sent to county planning for their approval, then to come back to the township board for final approval. The Public Hearing is planned for July 13th, and If there are no or minimal changes to the draft, could potentially be on an agenda for township board approval by the end of August or early September. He stressed the importance of making sure the amendment not only provides help to the owner of a property but is fair and reasonable to neighbors of the business. He also stated this ordinance amendment is not site specific. Board members commented on the issue, asked questions and thanked Graham for his work on the amendment.

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-\$48,703.93, Fire District-\$9,292.42, Police Fund-\$2,292.042, Park Fund-\$11,820.30, Library Operating Fund-\$4,040.67, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$7,833.25, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$511.42, Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,425.90 for a total of \$86,392.41. 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 METRO ACT PERMIT FROM MOBILITE LLC

Hershberger spoke, stating this permit is similar to one the board approved in October of 2015 from a company called Fibertec. Mobilite, LLC is requesting this permit, which is for 7 locations in Bedford Township. If approved, the township will receive Metro Funding from the state, the funding generated by the fees Mobilite, LLC will pay to the state. These fee amounts are set by the state as well. The project will be done in December, The township has to respond to the permit request within 45 days of receipt of the permit request, and the project will be done December. In addition, the company will maintain the sites. Board members asked questions, both Hershberger and Attorney Graham responded. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the access to public rights-of- way permit submitted by Mobilite and authorize the issuance of the Bilateral Permit as provided by the Michigan Public Service Commission and as requested by Mobilite, LLC.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BLACKTOPPING PROPOSAL FOR FIRE STATION #3
(LEWIS AVENUE)

Stewart spoke, stating this request is from the Bedford Fire Chief, and explaining the bids received for this project. He also said the recommended choice is Brian's Seal Coating and Striping, with a bit of \$4,340.00. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to accept the recommendation from Fire Chief Ron Whipple to approve the bid for resurfacing and striping of the parking lot at the Lewis Avenue Fire Station from Brian's Seal Coating & Striping at a cost of \$4,340.00, as presented. 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

Lamar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – As the township's alternate member to SEMCOG, he stated he had attended their last regional meeting. He passed out a handout from SEMCOG and gave the board information regarding the meeting and named the new SEMCOG officers. He also commented on a property suggested as a potential site for an industrial park, stating it had been researched when he was township supervisor and found to have issues with easements crisscrossing the property as well as quite a bit of wetlands on the site.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the draft copy of the special use ordinance, on alcohol and drug abuse, and the money spent on entertainment and alcohol over the holiday weekend.

Rich Kenny, 2345 Dean Road, commented that he was unaware of the neighbors having problems with noise, etc. and explained what his business does to control noise.

Karen Rideout, 8112 Douglas, responded to Mr. Kenny's comments.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri

Pirrone

Steiner

O'Dell

Francis

Hershberger

Stewart

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary