

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

May 2, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Hinz, Bedford Alliance 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 AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING PLAN OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ORD. 81A-2)

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner open the public hearing to approve the ordinance for the second amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority (Ord. 81A-2). Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

Joyce Blanton, DDA member, spoke to the board and gave a power point presentation explaining the history of the DDA, their accomplishments and goals, and stating the reason for this ordinance amendment, which is to correct an error made when in 2010 the board extended the life of the DDA to 2037. At that time Ordinance 81 was not extended as well to match the time frame for the DDA. Approval of this ordinance amendment will resolve that issue, at the same time offering the DDA's new plans for the area and restating their current plans. Ms. Blanton and Barry Buschmann from Mannik & Smith Group answered board members questions.

No one else came forward to speak.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements close the public hearing to approve the ordinance for the second amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority (Ord. 81A-2). Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

Board members commented on and thanked the DDA board for the hard work they have done to make improvements in the DDA area.

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to adopt the second amendment to the Downtown Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan of the Downtown Development Authority (Ord. 81A-2), as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8-E Request for Approval of the Noxious Weeds Bid and to

change item 8-D, Request for Approval of an Amendment to the Township Burning Ordinance to discussion only. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the April 18, 2017 Township Board Minutes.

Acceptance of the resignation of David Abalos from the Downtown Development Authority, effective immediately.

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING MILITARY VETERANS

Pirrone and Hershberger presented pins honoring 5 veterans of the military, thanking them on behalf of the board and community for their service to our country.

Lewis Smith, United States Air Force, Master Sargent, served in Iraq

Gary Dunton, United States Army Combat Engineers, served in Vietnam

David Manning, United States Army, 3rd Army, served in Vietnam

Ron Whipple, United States Air Force, Sargent, served in Vietnam

Ron Hendershot, United States Air Force, Tech. Sargent, served in Vietnam

Members of the township board and the audience stood and applauded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg LaScalla, 7670 Coventry, spoke to the issue of item 8-B, the IT bid approval.

Greg Shaffer, owner of Shaffer Insurance Agency, spoke to the issue of the IT bid approval, recommending the board consider LaScalla IT for approval.

STAFF REPORTS

TMACOG REPORT – DEPUTY SUPERVISOR AL PRIEUR

Prieur spoke informing the board of the various TMACOG and SEMCOG meetings he has attended on behalf of the board and explained what issues were discussed at those meetings.

Discussion followed, with board members commenting on water issues with the City of Toledo.

ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT – DAMON CECIL, SUPERVISOR ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

Cecil spoke to the issue, after handing board members information regarding the demolition of the Star Motel on Telegraph. He then gave board members detailed information regarding the ordinance departments responsibilities and duties. Board members commented and thanked him and his department for the great job they are doing.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWNSHIP BURNING ORDINANCE

Pirrone stated this issue is on the agenda because it was stated at the April 18th board meeting this item would be postponed until this meeting. However, due to some errors found in the

current ordinance and additional changes requested by the ordinance department, the amendment is not ready yet.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to table this issue until the next board meeting, May 16, 2017. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: 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-\$232,480.09, Fire District-\$18,732.49, Police Fund-\$98,495.90, Park Fund-\$1,498.44, Transit System Fund-\$16,169.00, Library Operating Fund-\$11,422.79, Water Revenue Fund-\$6,030.50, Downtown Development Authority-\$16,666.55, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$16,953.89, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,063.40 for a total of \$419,513.04. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPROVE I.T. BID

Hershberger spoke to the issue, stating 8 bids were received, explained the scoring used to determine the recommended company, and mentioned Dennis Jenkins had gone over the bids and handled the scoring. Of the 8, only 2 companies scored 100%, I.T. Right and Affinity. Of those two, I.T. Right's quote was much lower than the rest. She then introduced Paul Trinkka, the representative from I.T. Right to answer any questions. Mr. Trinkka answered board members questions, and a long discussion followed, regarding whether to go with a local company which put in a bid \$16,000 higher than the recommended company or to follow the recommendation. Mr. LaScalla, from the local company spoke, citing the advantage of hiring a local company. More discussion followed.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to accept the bid from I.T. Right Information Technology Solutions for the IT services contract for one year in the amount of \$11,000.00, to be paid quarterly. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Bork, Tienvieri. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW VOTING SYSTEM

Hershberger spoke, stating the township will be getting new voting equipment, paid for by the state through with Help America Vote Act Grant money. The state requires each jurisdiction that receives the new equipment to approve a resolution allowing the clerk to sign the grant when the equipment is received.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the resolution to apply for a grant to purchase a new voting system, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF ESTIMATE TO INSTALL A CONCRETE PAD BEHIND THE TOWNSHIP HALL

Pirrone stated he would like to install a concrete pad in the grassy area behind the township hall to provide an area for composting and an area for recycling that does not interfere with the usage

of the fire training tower. He is looking into the type of surface needed and how large of an area would be needed, as well as an exact location. He requested more time to get more information to bring back to the board regarding this issue.

Motion was made by Bork, seconded by Clements to table this issue for one month, and then bring it back to the board. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE NOXIOUS WEEDS BID

Pirrone stated this item was added to the agenda because the bids had been received and the ordinance department requested a decision soon because spring is here and the noxious weeds issues will need to be dealt with. He then stated two bids had been received, one from a local company and one outside of Bedford, the quoted price was the same for both companies. He recommended to the board that they approve the bid from Schlegel Services for \$45.00 per hour. A short discussion followed.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Bork to approve the bid from Schlegel Services, located in Bedford Township, at a rate of \$45.00 per hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Bork, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel – commented that during his attendance at budget and personnel policy meetings he has been encouraged by the board’s attempts to be fiscally responsible and is pleased to know the next budget meeting will be live streamed on Facebook.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – stated that all board members, including the supervisor can make motions, and commented on the Municode information, questioning the cost increase. Hershberger responded.

Clements – thanked the veterans for their service, and mentioned he appreciated the open discussion between board members.

Steiner – also thanked the veterans for their service, and mentioned that at Thursday’s budget meeting he will be showing the board how to get information from the township budget via a spreadsheet he has created in Office 13.

Bork – nothing to report.

Hershberger – she also thanked the veterans for their service and then informed the board the June township newsletter will be in a new format and will be delivered as part of the June 6th edition of the Bedford Press. It will not be on blue paper, the paper size will be a little smaller and it will be a separate section. This is being proposed by the Communications Commission as a way to get the news out to township residents at a lower cost than we’re currently paying.

Francis – stated he felt the board had a healthy discussion tonight and is making progress.

Pirrone – He stated the township has a page on Facebook, and tonight’s’ 5:30 pm town hall meeting was live streamed on it.

He attended a fundraiser on Saturday for “Light up for Autism” to purchase bikes and computers for the ISD for autistic children. He also thanked the Nyhan’s for their hard work in this area.

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He thanked the veterans for their service to our country.

The Samaria Heritage Group will be dedicating old photos at the Samaria Community Center on Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

His department is working to get Bedford Township certified as a Redevelopment District which would make the township eligible for grants.

He has been holding meetings on Fridays at 10:00 am with the township treasurer and clerk and their deputies to ensure better communications between the departments.

He is arranging for the pastor of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church to bless the township's two new police cars.

The Wiseman Drain issue is being worked on by the Drain Commission, a cleanout is needed and there will be a special assessment to pay for the cleanout to all properties affected by the drain.

The Farmer's Market will open on May 13th at the same time and place, with a new director and more vendors.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary