

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

November 1, 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: 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 Steiner, seconded by Hershberger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The approval of the October 18, 2016 Township Board minutes.

The reappointment of David Beard to the Housing Commission for a term expiring 12/31/2021.

Francis stated he had noticed two spelling errors on the October 18, 2016 Township board minutes, both on page 2, under Request for Approval of an Amended Tax Millage Resolution for the 2016 Tax Roll. In two places, the date of September 30, 2016 was written, when the dates should have been September 20, 2016. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by O'Dell to approve the consent agenda, with the dates of September 30, 2016 on the second page of the township board minutes being changed to September 20, 2016, as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

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-\$360,671.42, Fire District-\$3,949.59, Police Fund-\$94,209.63, Park Fund-\$1,692.16, Library Operating Fund-\$8,474.96, Downtown Development Authority-\$34,213.27, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$885.90, and Trust and Agency Fund-\$2,839.90 for a total of \$506,936.83. 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 PURCHASE OF CAMERA FOR THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lieutenant Phil Dale, of the Bedford Fire Department spoke to this issue, explaining the department currently has two thermal cameras, but is requesting a third camera so that there will be a camera at each fire station. He then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the purchase of a Flir Thermal Camera Kit from Douglas Safety Systems at a cost not to exceed \$1,275.00. 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 TO REZONE FROM R-2A, C-2, C-3 & PBO (SEGMENTS OF A PARCEL WITH ENUMERATED USES BY JUDGEMENT OF THE MONROE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IN CASE NO. 09-27323-CH OF PBO, RM-2, RME, AND C-2) TO RM-2 AND C-1 ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NO 5802-027-059-41

Stewart spoke to this issue, explaining the zoning change has been approved by the township engineers, Monroe County Planning and Bedford Township Planning Commissions. Nathan Waggner, from Cash & Waggner Assoc., developers of the proposed area spoke, stating they wished to rezone the area between the car lot and Bainbridge to RM-2 and build apartments, the portion on Sterns next to the electric substation would be rezoned to C-1, but no firm plans are set for this area. He then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the rezoning from R-2A, C-2, C-3 & PBO to RM-2 and C-1 on a portion of parcel no 5802-027-059-41 as it is in agreement with the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan, the Bedford Township Master Plan and provides the appropriate transitional zoning for the Lewis/Sterns intersection and is consistent sound zoning and land use principles. 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 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2017 SEWER BUDGET FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

Francis spoke to the issue, explaining this resolution occurs in November of each year so that the budget numbers can be incorporated into the upcoming 2017-18 budget. Tim Csurgo, Deputy Drain Commissioner spoke, further explaining the resolution and answering board members questions. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Pirrone to approve the resolution for the 2017 Sewer Budget for Operations and Maintenance, as presented. 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 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HAVING THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY NAMED AS THE STATE INSECT

Connie Velliquette, Park Board member and Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance, spoke to the issue, explaining the need to adopt the resolution to encourage the state legislature decide to make the Monarch Butterfly the state insect and potentially help protect this endangered species. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the resolution supporting the Monarch Butterfly being named as the state insect. 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

Mary Pagels, 7515 Apache Trail, commented against a proposed special assessment district for road improvement in her subdivision.

Ethel Mull, 7649 Apache Trail, commented positively on the need for road improvements in her subdivision.

Larry Oehlers, 7756 Apache Trail, commented positively on the need for road improvements in his subdivision.

Cathy Hassen, 7588 Apache Trail, commented positively on the need for road improvements in her subdivision.

Gene Stock, 9289 Crabb, thanked the board for their decision to rezone portions of the old Whitman Ford property.

Tim McAfee, 9837 Pamela, reminded residents to refrain from poisoning animals.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel, commented on township employee health care issues, Act 152, and civility at board meetings.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri thanked Connie Velliquette and Gail Keane for their concerns and work on the Monarch Butterfly issue, asked the Supervisor to look into possible spraying of Milkweed plants in her subdivision and read the e-mail from Shawn Satterfield regarding problems with the repaving of Cloverlane, and questioned the Apache Trail special assessment district issue. Stewart responded to the e-mail from Shawn Satterfield, stating the memo is on the township's website

Pirrone asked about the possibility of some sort of maintenance program for subdivision roads and stated the Farmers Market had had a very good year.

Steiner – spoke to the issue of subdivisions, special assessment districts, and preventative maintenance for the roads. He also thanked Gail Keane and Connie Velliquette for their involvement in the community and encouraged residents to get involved. He also mentioned the possible need for glycosometers on fire trucks and encouraged the purchase of them if the department does not have them.

O'Dell – stated he was happy to see everyone in the audience wearing their shirts, stated it was a good meeting with lots of things getting done.

Francis – questioned if the township board meeting was actually a political rally, and suggested the audience's actions were not appropriate. He mentioned the issue with Cloverlane and stated the repair would not be a township expense. He commented on Public Act 51, with regard to responsibility for road maintenance and repairs, mentioned the state's new road funding plan will take 4 years to fully implement, and questioned how much increased help the township would get. He then stated the road committee is revising the 5 year plan to end up with a plan for maintenance of our roads.

Attorney Phil Goldsmith spoke to the issue of special assessment districts and Public Act of 1954, giving residents and board members details of requirements for special assessment districts and informing the public there is only one Public Act, which has two components, one in which the township creates the district, and the other in which the property owners in the district initiate the petition to create a special assessment district. Bedford Township only uses the second component, having homeowners initiate the petitioning process. He further explained the procedures township clerk Hershberger follows and said he doesn't know anyone who knows the laws and procedures for SAD's better than Clerk Hershberger, she is doing an excellent job of handling special assessment districts.

Hershberger commented further on special assessment districts for roads, stating the township engineers are suggesting alternatives to road repair to lower costs, and drainage repair costs are a bigger issue when road repair special assessment districts are being priced. She is trying to work with the Drain Commissioner to help in this area. Hershberger reminded residents that absentee ballots are still available for the November election, just stop by her department at the township hall. She also reminded residents to get their absentee ballots back to her, they need to be submitted/delivered to her office by Election Day.

Stewart spoke to the road issues, and the allocation of state monies being part of the problem. He also spoke to the problem of the fogging on Dean and Jackman Roads, stating this was done by the Road Commission and they have promised the striping will be done soon. He also mentioned the Road Commission claims they are specializing in maintenance of the roads, the main problem with costs of road repairs being drainage. He then commented on subdivision roads and the possibility of giving an incentive of covering 20% of the costs to get road repairs done.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary