

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

October 3, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

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

Lamar Frederick, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

EXCUSED: TC Clements, Trustee

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 Eric Brown, Youth Pastor of Wyldewood Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri, to approve the agenda, with the removal of item 4-A, Presentation Honoring Military Veterans. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the September 19, 2017 township board minutes.

Appointment of Dennis Jenkins to the Planning Commission for a term ending December 31, 2020.

Appointment of Tom Zybek as Planning Commission Liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ACCUMED BILLING, INC.

Frederick spoke, stating he, Fire Chief Massingill and Attorney Goldsmith had worked on the agreement per the board's direction. He and Chief Massingill then explained the changes and answered board members questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the AccuMed Billing, Inc., agreement to provide emergency medical billing services for the Bedford Township Fire Department and direct the Clerk and Supervisor to sign the document on behalf of the Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

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-\$18,191.53, Fire District-\$10,413.77, Police Fund-\$350.99, Park Fund-\$3,870.18, Library Operating Fund-\$5,571.80, Downtown Development Authority-\$805.46, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$375,039.73, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$538.40 for a total of \$414,781.86. Motion carried on a

roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 5802-028-011-00 (8153 JACKMAN) FROM R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PBO, PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS OFFICE

Frederick spoke, explaining the history of this rezoning request and answering board members questions. Motion was made Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the rezoning of parcel no. 5802-028-011-00, also known as 8153 Jackman Road, from R-2A, Single Family Residential, to PBO, Professional Business Office, as the location supplies an existing natural buffer line to the adjacent residential properties and due to the lack of PBO, Professional Business Office designation on the recently adopted Master Plan, this specific location supports a PBO zoning district as it fits the surrounding zonings and all existing uses and has been recommended for approval by both Monroe County Planning and Bedford Township Planning Commissions. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2017 STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RESOLUTION

Hershberger spoke, stating this resolution is approved annually and includes all streetlighting districts in subdivisions in Bedford Township. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the 2017 Streetlight Assessment District Resolution for Bedford Township, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT CONTRACT FOR 2017

Hershberger spoke, stating this is a one-year renewal of the Letter of Understanding with the township's auditor, L. Donavon McGuire, CPA. Board members commented and Tienvieri suggested bidding the audit contract out next year and consider doing a full internal control audit. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the 2017 Letter of Understanding with L. Donavon McGuire, CPA, at a cost not to exceed \$21,500.00 for auditing services for Bedford Township, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – offered condolences to the families in the Las Vegas tragedy, mentioned the Michigan State trooper who died in the line of duty this past week and urged support of our Police and Fire Personnel.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – questioned whether there would be a party after this short meeting.

Frederick – mentioned he had attended the retirement party for Mary Capp, of the Michigan State Police.

Steiner – commented on the Las Vegas tragedy and offered condolences to the families in the Las Vegas tragedy.

Hershberger- stated she has received the new election equipment from the state and explained the minor differences the public would be aware of, reminded residents the last day to register is October 10th if they want to vote in the upcoming November 7, 2017 school election. She then

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informed residents that in Bedford Township, Halloween would be celebrated on Tuesday, October 31st, from 6 to 8 p.m. She also offered condolences to township attorney Phil Goldsmith on the passing of his mother, Violet Goldsmith Howard.

Francis - offered condolences to township attorney Phil Goldsmith on the passing of his mother, Violet Goldsmith Howard.

Pirrone – asked for a moment of silence for the families in the Las Vegas tragedy, and the family of the deceased Michigan trooper. Logan Tisdale came forward and offered a brief prayer. Pirrone then informed the public that the leaf and grass drop off area would be removed in two weeks and residents could take their leaves and grass to a site on Smith Road near Telegraph where they would be accepted at no charge. In addition, there will be no dumpsters for twigs and branches at the township hall, they will be accepted at the same site. The Bedford Fire Department will be holding a pancake breakfast and education day at 3345 W. Dean Road on Saturday, October 14th, 2017 from 8 am to 1 pm. Syncreon, Inc. will be holding a job fair at Bedford Township Hall on October 25, 2017, from 1 pm until 4 pm, looking for 35 CDL truck drivers and 40 fork lift operators. The Monroe post of the Michigan State Police will be holding a Community Health and Wellness Fair on Saturday, October 14th from 9 am until Noon at the Bedford High School. The Rethink Addiction Run was successfully held last Saturday with approximately 200 in attendance. The Bedford Wrestling Team will be holding a Golf Outing on Saturday, October 7th. In closing he offered condolences to township attorney Phil Goldsmith on the passing of his mother, Violet Goldsmith Howard.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary