

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

October 17, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

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

LaMar Frederick, Trustee
TC Clements, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

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 Craig Montri, from Bridgepoint Church.

PUBLIC HEARING

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: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the Minutes of the October 3, 2017 regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board;
- Place on file the General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD Reports from the Treasurer;
- Place on file the Revenue/Expense report & Balance Sheet for the period ending 09/30/2017;
- Accept with regret the resignation of Dr. Paul Taylor from the Downtown Development Authority, effective immediately.
- Appoint John Bates, Jr. to the Downtown Development Authority for a 1st term ending 12/31/2021.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on item 8-H, Discussion of Monroe County Sheriff's Contract.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL FIRE HOSE SEGMENTS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief Adam Massingill spoke, stating when the fire department's fire hoses were tested, 38 hose sections failed and had to be taken out of service. He then, with board approval, ordered 12 sections. He is now asking for an additional 8 sections to be purchased at this time due to an expected pricing increase next month. He then responded to board members questions. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the purchase of 8 sections of fire hose from Time Emergency Equipment at a cost of \$3,869.60 plus freight charges. Motion carried on

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF A 2018 FORD POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY CAR

Pirrone presented this request, asking the board to approve the purchase of a new Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicle to replace the Ford Expedition the Sheriff's Dept. currently uses. He stated he has \$40,000 in the budget for this purchase, with the expected cost for the vehicle to be \$37,375.44, including the costs of equipment and installations needed to get the vehicle ready for use by the Sheriff's Dept. He cited the poor gas mileage, the excessive size of the Expedition, and the fact it has 78,000 miles on it as reasons for replacement. He also suggested the possibility that the Expedition could then be used by the township's ordinance department and 2 of their older vehicles be sold. A lengthy discussion followed, with a suggestion that the Expedition be sold if this request is approved and questioning why the Sheriff's Dept. didn't want another Expedition instead of an Explorer. Joe Gore, township resident and Sheriff's Deputy spoke, stating the Expedition gets very poor gas mileage, is too big, heavy and cumbersome to be a good patrol car, and is a much more expensive vehicle to purchase. Questions and comments continued, with Tienvieri stating she will vote against the issue due to "not enough time to research the issue".

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to authorize the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Utility AWD vehicle at a cost of \$27,073.00 and to allocate \$10,302.44 to make the vehicle ready for use, bringing the total cost to \$37,375.44. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE CHANGES

Dennis Kolar, Township Building official, explained the request, stating the fees have not changed since the early 2000's and after checking the fee schedules for comparable jurisdictions found our fee schedule to be too low for the work and inspections that needed to be done. Board members commented and asked questions. Tienvieri stated she will vote against the issue because she feels it's not "in the best interest of Bedford taxpayers". Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to approve the changes to the Building Departments fee schedule and to have the treasurer report back to the board at the end of the June 30, 2018 fiscal year if any fees are in excess. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. 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-\$622,231.83, Fire District-\$39,349.57, Police Fund-\$3,348.22, Park Fund-\$2,406.47, Transit System Fund-\$20,325.00, Metro Act Fund-\$9,565.00, Library Operating Fund-\$4,365.16, Water Revenue Fund-\$4,375.60, Sandywell SAD-\$190,120.55, Green Hills SAD-\$750.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$5,087.78, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$25,918.78, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$954.72 for a total of \$928,798.68. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REVOKE THE GREYSTONE MANOR PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND AGREEMENT ON PARCEL NO. 5802-021-036-00

Frederick, liaison to the Planning Commission, spoke and explained the issue. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the request from Greystone Holdings, LLC to revoke the Greystone Manor Planned Unit Development Plan and Agreement, as amended, on Parcel no 5802-021-036-00 on the east side of Douglas Road, North of the intersection of Consear Road, Lambertville, MI for the following reasons: The Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, the Monroe County Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, the revocation of the Plan and Agreement will reduce the density of use on the Parcel, and the revocation is conditioned upon the Township Board approving the petitioner's request to rezone the parcel to R-1, Single Family Residential. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE PARCEL NO 5802-021-036-00 FROM PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) TO R-1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Frederick, liaison to the Planning Commission, spoke and explained the issue, stating this request is related to item 8-B, Request for Approval to Revoke the Greystone Manor Planned Unit Development Plan and Agreement on Parcel No. 5802-021-036-00, which the board has just approved. Revoking the PUD Plan and Agreement necessitates the rezoning request that is before the board. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to approve the request of Greystone Holdings, LLC to rezone Parcel No. 5802-021-036-00 from PUD, Planned Unit Development to R-1, Single Family Residential, for the following reasons: The Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, the Monroe County Planning Commission recommended approval of the request, the rezoning satisfies the Bedford Township Master Plan designation as suburban residential for this parcel, the rezoning to R-1, Single Family Residential is compatible with surrounding land use and zoning and was the underlying zoning prior to the PUD attachment, the Planned Unit Development Plan and Agreement for the site has been revoked, the underlying zoning is PUD, the Bedford Township Board of Zoning Appeals granted a variance request which requires the petitioner to comply with Land Division Rules and Regulations, securing easements, site assessments, utility access and other obligations, the requested rezoning would reduce the density of use on the parcel, and provided no development shall be permitted in the flood zone area on the parcel. . Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE REQUEST

Hershberger spoke to the issue, stating the Bedford Robotics Association has provided all of the necessary documents required for township approval of this request. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the request for a charitable gaming license for the Bedford Robotics Association, Inc., as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PREMIUM REBATE

Hershberger stated this resolution is required to allow the township to distribute an insurance premium rebate received for 2016. She further informed the board this rebate was in the amount of \$6,266.02, with the township keeping 88%, or \$5,514.10, and the remainder 12%, or \$751.92 to be distributed to the employees enrolled in the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance plan at that time. Francis mentioned this rebate is due to requirements of the Affordable Healthcare Act. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution for the Health Insurance Premium rebate, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE PEDDLER AND SOLICITORS REGULATION ORDINANCE

Hershberger spoke, stating the revisions to the Peddler and Solicitors Ordinance were required due to changes in the Michigan Election Law which provide for charitable organizations to stand on street corners and solicit funding, and outlining restrictions to do so. The law changes necessitated changes to our ordinance and while making those changes she had a clause added which designates certain street corners and days of the week in Bedford at which soliciting will be allowed. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the amendment to Ordinance 84, the Peddler and Solicitors Regulation Ordinance, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTRACT

Attorney Goldsmith spoke stating this amendment to the Land Division ordinance will provide for a committee consisting of the Township Planning Coordinator, the Township Building Official, and the Land Division Coordinator to approve all land divisions up to division requests with a depth to width ratio under 6:1. Any land division requests of 6:1 depth to width ratios or higher will still have to come to the township board for approval, per Michigan law. This change will benefit the citizens of Bedford and allow for streamlining of requests. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to adopt ordinance amendment 84A-2, an amendment to the Land Division Ordinance, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

DISCUSSION OF THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTRACT

Tienvieri spoke, explaining this was her request and that she felt all township contracts should be periodically reviewed. She said she had several questions/concerns regarding the current contract and would like to have a COW meeting or time at a regular meeting to discuss issues with regard to the Monroe County Sheriff's Contract. Francis spoke stating he felt this issue should have been turned over to the disbanded Law Enforcement Committee or use their findings to help with the questions. Frederick stated this contract has been in effect since 1996 and questioned why it was suddenly a problem and questioned what type of problem was being questioned, a deficiency in the contract, performance deficiency, or cost issues? It was also suggested that she meet with the

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Sheriff to get information regarding her questions about the contract and bring her information to a future meeting. Tienvieri stated she did not believe the Sheriff would meet with her, Pirrone stated he would work on the issue, and Hershberger said she would like to be included in the meeting. Discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Gore, 3200 White St, and a deputy sheriff for 24 years – spoke to the board, offering some explanations regarding the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept.

Al Prieur, 1167 North Park – informed the board that the cost of a 2017 Expedition would be in the \$47,000 range, compared to the cost of an Explorer.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented further on issues with the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Tienvieri – commented on Prieur comments regarding the costs of vehicles.

Clements – thanked the area farmers for their hard work supplying food & thanked Prieur for his assistance with issues. He then commented on the Law Enforcement Committee, and stated the board needed to look at the Sheriff's Dept. and State Police with perspective and understand the differences in their duties.

Steiner – stated he had worked with the Ordinance Dept. to show them how to utilize a tracking system he has to make their department more efficient, and offered to do the same for the other township departments.

Frederick – commented on the Sheriff's Dept.'s statutory duties and compared them with the statutory duties of the Michigan State Police, and asked what the issues are with regard to the Sheriff's dept. contract before any negotiations begin.

Francis – explained that currently, the township pays for 6 deputies out of the General Fund, and there is a .4 mill levy to pay for 4 extra deputies. He further stated that one of the recommendations of the Law Enforcement Committee was for 2 more deputies, and questioned how we would pay for them. He then suggested the township consider doing a survey of residents before making any changes.

Hershberger – reminded residents that Halloween will be celebrated in Bedford on October 31, 2017, from 6 pm until 8 pm, and the fire stations will be looking at setting off their sirens at 6 and 8. The next township board meeting will be November 14, 2017, it's delayed a week due to the Special School Election on November 7th. Regarding the election, the polls will be open from 7:00 am until 8 pm. We do have new voting equipment for this election, but voters will see a minimal change in voting procedures.

Pirrone – stated Syncreon will be at the township hall on Wednesday, October 25th from 1 to 4 pm for job interviews, October 27th is the grand opening for the Cyber Center at the Whitman Center, on November 2nd a free Active Shooter class is being held at the Whitman Center, on the 25th the Yala Kol Express restaurant is opening at Secor/Sterns near the Goodwill store, he attended the Leadership Training held at the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. jail and was impressed with the great work being done there, thanked Deputy Joe Gore for his help getting the school set-up, thanked Steiner for meeting with the Ordinance Dept., thanked Ordinance officer Cecil for his hard

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work, then commented on his department, his deputy and the duties they have, stating if a resident stops in and he or his deputy are not in their office, to call the phone numbers on his door if needed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary