

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

October 18, 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 Pirrone to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the October 4, 2016 Township Board minutes.

Accept and place on file the General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD reports from the Treasurer.

Approve and place on file the Revenue/Expense report and Balance Sheet for the period ending September 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by O'Dell to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the upcoming election, new board members, and the importance of seeking God's will.

**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-\$77,078.34, Fire District-\$9,533.37, Police Fund-\$1,191.98, Park Fund-\$2,693.43, Library Operating Fund-\$1,518.65, Water Revenue Fund-\$1,498.00, Wildhaven Park Fund-\$109.00, Chapel Creek SAD-\$446.25, Green Hills and Other Debt Fund-\$750.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony/Etc-\$750.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$242.33, Sewer Operation & Main Fund-\$16,347.20, Trust and Agency Fund-\$973.50 for a total of \$113,132.05. 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 AMENDING THE 2016-17 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Hershberger explained the reason for the budget amendment was to increase the Police Fund by \$40,000 to cover the approved purchase of an additional police car and to increase the Ordinance Fund by \$9,473.00 to cover the approved wage increases for the Ordinance Dept. personnel.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the resolution amending the 2016-17 General Fund budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye:

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Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

*REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2016-17 SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET*

Hershberger explained the reason for the budget amendment is to increase the Fire District Revenue Fund by \$9,722.00 due to a grant received for safety training and increase the Fire District Expenditure Fund by \$31,731.00 due to the approved purchase and installation of equipment for the Fire Tower. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the resolution amending the 2016-17 Special Funds budget, 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 AN AMENDED TAX MILLAGE RESOLUTION FOR THE 2016 TAX ROLL*

Francis stated these resolutions had been approved at the September 20, 2016 board meeting. The resolution for the Fire District Fund millage as well as the Transit System Fund millage although being newly approved by voters, is a renewal millage, and according to Michigan Law (MCL 211.34d) subject to a Headlee override in the first year of approval.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the amended 2016 Tax Levy Resolution for the Fire District Fund, originally approved at the September 30 20, 2016 board meeting, to reflect the millage reduction (rollback) as required by the Headlee Amendment (MCL 211.34d) as presented. The rollback calculation reduces the 1.0 mill approved by voters on August 2, 2016 to .9917 mill to be levied on the 2016 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the amended 2016 Tax Levy Resolution for the Transit Fund, originally approved at the September 30 20, 2016 board meeting, to reflect the millage reduction (rollback) as required by the Headlee Amendment (MCL 211.34d) as presented. The rollback calculation reduces the .2462 mill approved by voters on August 2, 2016 to .2441 mills to be levied on the 2016 tax roll. 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 LAND DIVISION REQUEST FOR PLATTED PROPERTY AT 6612 & 6614 SUMMERLYN BLVD, LAMBERTVILLE*

Stewart spoke, stating this is the simple combining of two lots in Summerlyn Subdivision, both owned by the same person. Once combined, the owner plans to build a home centered on those lots. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the land combination request for platted property at 6612 and 6614 Summerlyn Blvd., Lambertville, 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 LAND DIVISION REQUEST FOR PLATTED PROPERTY AT 6342 BRENT VALLEY DR., LAMBERTVILLE*

Stewart spoke, explaining the triangular shaped property in question is a small unbuildable lot, that is located between lot 19 in Smith Centennial Estates, Plat 1 and Lot 1 of the Fairways Subdivision. Currently this property is combined with lot 19 in Smith Centennial Subdivision, Plat 1, but wishes to sell the property to the owner of Lot 1 in the Fairways Subdivision. If approved, the deed will be recorded, with the new owner being required to follow all restrictions stated in the deed. Attorney Goldsmith answered board members questions.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the land division combination which will divide an unplatted parcel from lot 19 in Smith Centennial Estates, Plat 1 and combine it with Lot 1 in the adjacent Fairways Subdivision, subject to restrictions listed on the deed to be recorded, 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**

Richard Kenny, 7824 Jackman – thanked the board for their assistance in approving ordinance changes, but stated he is continuing to work with the Planning Dept. regarding the time of night his business could be open.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – requested the board consider creating an oversight committee for the police dept. and believes the police dept needs to do more patrol activity.

#### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

**Tienvieri** – thanked Tisdale for his comments. Questioned the Assessing Dept.'s new employees, commented on the memo from Jodi Russ (Bedford Head Librarian) and the new phone system, commented on the police car the township titled to the Sheriff's dept in November of 2015, and suggested residents watch the video to get a complete picture of the issue.

**Pirrone** – commented on the Sheriff's refusal to meet with a township trustee, questioned the police car issue, agreed with Tisdale's comments, thanked the Fire Dept. for the Fire Prevention Day on the 16<sup>th</sup>, stated there were 2 weekends left for the Farmer's Market, and wished his daughter a happy birthday.

**Steiner** – encouraged residents to apply for boards & commissions openings next year, asked for a reinstatement of the Police Committee due to the upcoming millage renewal, mentioned looking at changes in the reporting of sheriff's deputies, stated he had ridden with a sheriff deputy last week and gave details, and congratulated the fire dept for the good work they have done.

**O'Dell** – mentioned the Fire Prevention Day event and the excellent programs they had for children, in spite of a house fire in progress that day. He also commented on the excellent fire and police programs the township has.

**Francis** – spoke to Tisdale's comments, mentioned the need to look at improved reporting of sheriff's deputies activities, and suggested a Citizens Committee for Police Protection may be a good idea.

**Hershberger** – reminded residents of the upcoming November 8, 2016 election, and there's still time to get an absentee ballot, just contact her office. She also mentioned Halloween will be celebrated in Bedford on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 pm til 8 pm, and cautioned drivers to be careful and watch for "trick or treaters" that night.

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Stewart – stated that liquor inspections are done by the Ordinance officers in Bedford, mentioned he had hired two seasonal employees for the Assessing Dept., due to the loss of one full-time employee. One of the seasonal employees is doing data entry and the other is doing field work, in the meantime he is accepting applications for a full-time replacement for Dan Cervi. When questioned, he stated the seasonal help will probably be working until the end of the year. Regarding questions about the sheriff's car that was transferred to the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept in November of 2015, to be used for parts, he stated the car had 150,000 miles on it, and when the Sheriff's Dept got the car they decided to put in a new transmission, new tires and lights, then use it as a loaner car to jurisdictions when needed. Tienvieri and Pirrone both commented on the seasonal help issue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary