

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
September 19, 2017
7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	Lamar Frederick, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Paul Francis, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

EXCUSED: TC Clements, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith

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 township resident Logan Tisdale.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda as presented. 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 5, 2017 Township Board Minutes.

The General, Savings, Pooled Funds & CD Report.

The Expense Report and Balance Sheet for period ending August 31, 2017.

Accepted with regret the resignation of Gene Stock from the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee, effective immediately.

Appointed Sheila Dowgiert to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Appointed Amanda Mills to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Appointed Melissa Osborne to the Veteran's Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Accepted with regret the resignation of Robyne Bush from the Planning and Zoning Commissions, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Frederick to approve the consent agenda subject to the completion of the Boards and Commissions application for a position on the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee by applicant Amanda Mills. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN EDWARD KRAUEL

A color guard from VFW Post 9353 came forward to honor World War II Naval veteran Edward Krauel. Pirrone and Hershberger then presented him with a pin and plaque honoring him as a veteran of the military, thanking them on behalf of the board and community for his service to our country. Board members and the audience stood and applauded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A 4:1 DEPTH TO WIDTH RATIO WAIVER FOR PARCEL NO 5802-020-146-10 (2940 W. DEAN ROAD)

Joe Keane, from the Assessing Department, explained this request and answered board members questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the 4:1 depth to width ratio waiver for parcel No. 5802-020-146-10, to assure there are no split lots and the petitioner shall secure a demolition permit for removal of an accessory building. 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 AMBULANCE BILLING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ACCUMED BILLING INC

Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief spoke, stating this issue has been before the board before, and explaining the changes to the agreement and informing the board the company would only agree to a minimum 3-year agreement, asking the board if they had a problem with the length of term. He further stated the goal of this agreement was to assure the township would be able to recoup expenses incurred when township equipment is used to transport patients when MCA is not available. Goldsmith further spoke to the issue, stating the company has a good performance record. Discussion followed, with board members questioning the term of the agreement and other issues. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Frederick to table the approval of the ambulance billing service agreement with Accumed Billing, Inc. until the October 3, 2017 board meeting to allow legal counsel time to make needed changes to the agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF GEORGE WELLING FOR THE POSITION OF PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Hershberger spoke, stating the proposed agreement before the board was a “work in progress” and could be added to or changed as the board desired. She further mentioned the request is recommended by the Communications Committee and Welling would be working with them on programming, etc. Goldsmith spoke, stating Mr. Welling would be an independent contractor, and suggested changes to the agreement. Deborah Lucius, Chair of the Communications Committee came to the podium to further explain what the committee had recommended and some of the changes they would like to see, among them another public access channel. Discussion followed and board members questioned both Goldsmith and the Chair Lucius. Tienvieri stated she would be voting against the approval for two reasons, she stated she had not seen the document until the board meeting, and it is incomplete. Francis commented all board members had received the document via e-mail and at the same time, and then commented on the responsibility of board members to do their own due diligence with regard to items on the agenda. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the delivery of professional services by George Welling for Bedford Township as program director, contingent upon the agreement stipulating 1. His work is specifically designated for the township government channel. 2. An insurance provision will be negotiated; and 3. The contract will be interpreted according to Michigan Law. This

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position will be accountable to the board as a whole, and he will report to the township clerk. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: Clements

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE VIDEO EQUIPMENT

Hershberger spoke, stating this request is for the equipment needed to update and upgrade the township's broadcasting ability, and has been recommended for purchase by the Communications Committee. A short discussion followed. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the quote from Great Lakes Multimedia, Inc. for the purchase of video equipment at a cost of \$267, 573.59, as presented. 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-\$211,669.86, Fire District-\$47,059.22, Police Fund-\$1,580.24, Park Fund-\$3,672.90, Library Operating Fund-\$16,502.89, Indian Acres SAD-\$1,621.33, Mohawk Trails SAD-\$1,303.68 Downtown Development Authority-\$1,502.76, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$5,808.27, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,588.00 for a total of \$292,399.15. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-18 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET

Francis spoke, stating this resolution amending the 2017-18 Special Revenue Funds budget will allow for the purchase of the new ambulance for the fire department, the price of which has already been approved at a previous board meeting. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the resolution amending the 2017-18 Special Revenue Funds budget, 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 FOUR TAX MILLAGE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2017 TAX ROLL

Hershberger stated this resolution sets the millage rate for the General Fund for the 2017 tax roll. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the General Fund Tax Levy at .7852 mills, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

Hershberger stated this resolution sets the millage rate for the Fire District Fund for the 2017 tax roll. This rate is a millage that was renewed in 2016 and has been adjusted from last year due to the Headlee Rollback. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the Fire Fund Tax Levy at .9917 mills, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

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Hershberger stated this resolution sets the millage rate for the Transit System Fund for the 2017 tax roll. This rate is a millage that was renewed in 2016, and has been adjusted from last year due to the Headlee Rollback. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the Transit Fund Tax Levy at .2441 mills, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements

Hershberger stated this resolution sets the millage rate for the Police Fund for the 2017 tax roll. This rate has not changed from last year. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the Police Fund Tax Levy at .3966 mills, 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 AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE CODE ORDINANCE 70

Fire Chief Massingill spoke, stating this amendment will help resolve the issue of the number of lots developers can have in a subdivision with one egress. He then explained that up to 100 units would be allowed on one egress if the units were in an area that had fire hydrants, there would be only 30 units allowed in the area does not have fire hydrants. Discussion followed with Massingill answering board members questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the amendment to the Construction and Fire Code Ordinance 70, as presented. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the General Fund at .7852 mills, 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 A ROAD CLOSURE RESOLUTION AT DEAN ROAD BETWEEN MONROE ROAD AND FREEMAN STREET AND FREEMAN STREET BETWEEN DEAN ROAD AND SUMMERFIELD ROAD

Hershberger stated this request came from the Bedford Fire Department who are planning an event of October 14th 2017 for Fire Prevention Day. Massingill spoke stating the department would be informing residents in the area about the road closure. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the road closure resolution at Dean Road between Monroe Road and Freeman Street and Freeman Street between Dean and Summerfield Roads on October 14, 2017 from 7:30 am until 1:30 pm for Fire Prevention Day. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to adopt the 2017 Tax Millage resolution for the General Fund at .7852 mills, 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 – commented on the Monroe County Sheriff’s Dept. monthly report that was presented at the September 5, 2017 board meeting.

George Welling, 8390 Lambert – thanked the Communications Committee for their interest and support, and thanked the board for their approval.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – spoke to her right to cast her vote on an issue and state for the record her reasons for casting that vote.

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Steiner – informed the board of a recent meeting he and Barry Buschmann and Al Prieur attended on behalf of the Grants Committee, giving them an overview of the many things they learned, mentioning the possibility of coming to the board to ask for a change of name of the committee to include not just Grants but projects and programs, and suggested the board consider adding 3 to 5 more members to the committee. The committee will meet on September 28th at 7:00 pm and will continue to meet on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Hershberger – reminded residents of the upcoming Special School Election on November 7, 2017 and that the close of registration date for that election is Tuesday, October 10, 2017.

Pirrone – commended members of the Grant Committee for taking time on their weekend to attend the conference. He also commented on WWII veteran Edward Krauel, stating he enjoyed talking to him and appreciated his service to the country, mentioned the Crabb Road repair is coming along and explained the costs and who would be paying for it. He also informed the board that the Syncreon Company, located on Crabb Road, would have 207 jobs available and would be holding a job fair at the township on October 25th, from 1 to 4 pm. He and Francis will be meeting with our engineer to get the 2018 road project plans set, the Veteran’s Memorial will be dedicated on Veteran’s Day in November and the first meeting of the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee will be on September 29th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary