

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
September 5, 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, 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 Pastor Jim Puhl, St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda with the following changes: Move 6C, Request for Approval of a Resolution Amending the 2016-17 Special Revenue Funds Budget and 6D, Request for Approval to Hire Tom Redmond as a Part-Time Employee in the Ordinance Department to 6A and 6B, change 3F to read The Committee recommends to the Full Board the to appoint Justin Arnold to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018, and change item 8D to Discussion Only. 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 August 15, 2017 township board minutes.

Approval to appoint Linda Rohr to the Grant Writing Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to change the date of the November 7, 2017 Board meeting to November 15, 2017 due to the School Election.

Approval to rename the Downtown Temperance Revitalization Committee to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee.

Approval to appoint State Rep. Jason Sheppard to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to appoint Justin Arnold to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to appoint Abe Harrouk to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to appoint John Bates, Jr. to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to appoint County Commissioner Greg Moore to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee for a term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval to appoint Laura Collins to the Veteran's Committee for a term ending December 31, 2018.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A LAND DIVISION AND COMBINATION OF LOT NO'S 164 (5802-313-164-00), 165 (5802-313-165-00) AND 166 (5802-313-166-00) IN HICKORY CREEK PLAT 4

Joe Keane, Assessing Department spoke, informing the board that residents on either side of lot 165 wish to purchase the lot and each combine half onto their property. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the land division and combination of lot No's 164 (5802-313-165-056-00), lot No. 165 (5802-313-165-00) and lot No.166 (5802-313-166-00) In Hickory Creek, Plat 4, 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 THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE PROPERTY LINE BETWEEN LOT 57 (5802-165-056-00) AND LOT 58 (5802-165-057-00)

Joe Keane, Assessing Department spoke, stating the house on lot 57 was built over the property line between lots 57 and 58, and approval of this request will rectify the issue by changing the lot line to accommodate the home and 10 foot required set back from a property line. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner, to approve the adjustment of the property line between lot 57 (5802-165-056-00) and lot 58 (5802-165-057-00), 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 AMENDING THE 2016-17 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET

David Manning, Finance Director spoke to the issue, explaining the need for this amendment. Board members asked questions and commented on the issue. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the resolution amending the 2016-17 budget, 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 TO HIRE TOM REDMOND AS A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE IN THE ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

Damon Cecil, Ordinance Officer Supervisor spoke, further stating the need to continue to have a night time ordinance officer on a permanent basis. Board members commented and a short discussion followed. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve changing the status of Ordinance Officer Tom Redmond from Seasonal Employee to Part-Time Employee in the Ordinance Department, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE PARCEL NO'S 5802-019-043-00,5802-019-049-10, 5802-019-050-00 AND PORTIONS OF PARCEL NO'S 5802-019-042-00, 5802-019-043-10 & 5802-019-046-00 FROM PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT TO R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Pirrone spoke, asking Attorney Goldsmith to speak to the issue and explain what the board can and cannot do at this meeting, as well as what could happen if the rezoning passes or fails.

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Discussion followed. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner that parcel No's 5802-019-043-00, 5802-019-049-10, 5802-019-050-00 and portions of parcel No's 5802-019-042-00, 5802-019-043-10 & 5802-019-046-00 be zoned R-1, Single Family Residential District, for the following reasons: 1. The PUD which previously affected all or portion of the parcels has been terminated by the Township Board and is now void and of no effect; 2. The R-1, Single Family Residential District zoning eliminates split zoned parcels; 3. The R-1, Single Family Residential Zoning District conforms to the Master Plan for the area, as well as the Monroe County Comprehensive Plan; 4. Any permitted use on the parcels prior to attachment of the PUD which would not be permitted under R-1, Single Family Residential zoning (that is non-conforming) shall be permitted to continue until abandoned. Tienvieri stated she would be voting no because it violates property rights. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED RESOLUTION FOR THE INDIAN ACRES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Hershberger spoke stating the bids for this special assessment district came in higher than expected but the contractors stated if the project is rebid for next spring the price will be lower. She is asking the board to approve this revised resolution which will delay the start date for the assessment to begin in December of 2018, instead of 2017, and the project to be rebid for a spring of 2018 completion. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the modified resolution for the Indian Acres Special Assessment District, 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 TO PAY ZEILER ELECTRIC AN ADDITIONAL \$994.62 OVER THE APPROVED ESTIMATE OF \$9,000.00

Pirrone spoke, explaining to the board that Zeiler Electric was a great company to work with, they communicated well with his department and explained extra work was needed to complete the project which caused the costs to go over the approved estimate of \$9,000.00. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements, to approve payment of \$994.62 to Zeiler Electric for services rendered in upgrading the electrical service at the Bedford Library. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. 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-\$137,992.35, Fire District-\$13,082.83, Police Fund-\$1,070.68, Park Fund-\$10,100.95, Transit System Fund-\$11,258.15, Library Operating Fund-\$885.03, Water Revenue Fund-\$6,940.00, Indian Acres SAD-\$15,178.73, Mohawk Trails SAD-\$1,706.27, Downtown Development Authority-\$2,887.63, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$9,414.37, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$3,101.90 for a total of \$213,618.89. 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 AUTHORIZING CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICTS FOR THE NOVEMBER 7, 2017 SCHOOL ELECTION

Hershberger spoke, stating Bedford Schools is holding an election on November 7, 2017 and this resolution will consolidate the township's 14 precincts down into 8 precincts and save the schools money on the number of precinct workers needed. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri, to approve the resolution authorizing the consolidation of districts for the November 7, 2017 School Election. 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 THE PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE EXCELLENCE RESOLUTION

Hershberger spoke stating this resolution had been approved by a previous board and it was requested that the current board re-approve the resolution. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the Principles of Governance Excellence Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A BEDFORD RETHINKS ADDICTION COMMITTEE

Pirrone and Deputy Supervisor Prieur spoke, stating two residents had come to the township to discuss the problem of opiate abuse and addiction, asking for help from the township to combat this epidemic locally. Pirrone asked the board to consider creating a township committee to act as a facilitator or "go to" group to find assistance for this type of problem. Discussion followed with board members mentioning the potential confidentiality issues, the necessity to follow the Open Meetings Act if it's a township committee, and the county offices that already help with these issues. It was suggested the group form independently from the township but allow them to use township facilities for their meetings and offer informational help on request.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – thanked Clerk Hershberger for resolving spam issues she had been having with the township's e-mail and asking that the trustee@bedfordmi.org e-mail be deleted.

Steiner – questioned the status of the Crabb Road project to date and mentioned what the Grant Committee is looking at with regard to Energy Efficiency Grants.

Francis – reminded residents that real estate taxes are due on 9/14/2017, or a penalty will be charged. Seniors or veterans can get the payment deferred but must come to the township hall to apply.

Hershberger – Informed residents that Bedford schools will be holding an election on November 7, 2017, and the last day to register to vote in the upcoming election is October 10, 2017. She also informed the board that the township's firewall will be updated soon, caused in part by an attempt to hack her computer. This will hopefully stop future attacks on any of the township's computers.

Pirrone – the township's veteran's memorial will be dedicated on Friday, September 15th at noon then gave details on what the monument consists of and how it was done at no cost to taxpayers. The Veteran's Committee has worked hard on the project. He again thanked the Cyber Security Committee for their hard work, mentioned a problem with driveway entrances on Douglas Road

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since the road improvement was done. He will be attending Leadership Monroe this weekend in the Irish Hills and is hoping this will lead to better working relationships with the county and jurisdictions in the county. He is looking at one more appointment to the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee, to be on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary