

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
December 3, 2013
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

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:

Request for Approval of the November 19, 2013 Township Board Minutes

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 Temperance Rd., spoke giving the board a report on the Adopt-A-Road program she oversees. She stated that all primary roads are covered, 871 bags of trash were collected, 458 residents participated, and gave 164.50 hours of service. She thanked all who participated.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF NEW INTERIM FIRE CHIEF

Stewart introduced Joe Keane, and invited him to the podium to speak. Mr. Keane gave his personal history, both in the township and with the township's fire department. Stewart spoke and explained the need for an interim fire chief to provide coverage until the new fire chief is selected and hired after the first of the year. The memo Stewart handed out stated he would be working 30 to 40 hours a week for the hourly rate of \$30.94 per hour. Mr. Keane then answered questions from board members. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the appointment of Joe Keane to the position of Interim Fire Chief, effective immediately, as presented in the Supervisor's memo. 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 THE MASTER PLAN UPDATE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Stewart spoke to the issue and explained this request is a bid proposal to be sent to various engineering firms to bid on working on the township's master plan update. Questions, comments and suggestions for wording changes were made by board members. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Pirrone to approve the Master Plan Request for Qualifications with the changes as discussed. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

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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-\$41,556.39, Fire District-\$21,012.13, Police Fund-\$2,465.90, Park Fund-\$12,800.69, Transit System Fund-\$39,331.00, Library Operating Fund-\$7,125.78, Water Revenue Fund-\$2590.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony/Etc. Fund-\$500.00, DDA Fund-\$2,843.46, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$377,606.92, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$425.90, for a total of \$508,258.17. 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 THE 2014 BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING DATES

Stewart spoke, asking the board to approve the 2014 township board meeting date schedule and township office closure dates, as listed. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the 2014 Bedford Township Board meeting dates, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – Congratulated Gail Keane on her successful Adopt-A-Road project.

Pirrone – Mentioned the last planning meeting was canceled and thanked Gail Keane for her hard work on the Adopt-A-Road project.

Steiner – Thanked Gail Keane for her hard work and organizational skills and reminded residents to be careful driving this time of year.

O'Dell – Thanked Clerk Trudy Hershberger for working with BS&A to get the budget numbers on the financial reports issue resolved.

Francis – Informed residents that winter tax bills have been mailed, are due by 2/14/2014, and if they have any questions, to call the township hall, treasurer's dept.

Hershberger – Stated all the information regarding the Adopt-A-Road project is on the township website.

Stewart – Reminded residents he is looking for people interested in serving on the township's boards and commissions & the information is on the township website. He attended the Library's and Carr's Grove Christmas tree lighting. He also stated he will be scheduling a Comm. of the Whole meeting to address EDC issues and will be giving a report on the SEMCOG and TMACOG meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary