

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

February 4, 2014

7:00 pm

**PRESENT:**

Greg Stewart, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk  
Larry O'Dell, Trustee

Rick Steiner, Trustee  
Paul Pirrone, Trustee  
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

**EXCUSED:** Paul Francis, Treasurer

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Stewart at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by O'Dell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION** - Milward Beaudry, Exec. Director of MPACT (Monroe Public Access Center) – Mr. Beaudry explained how MPACT worked and what his company could do to help others use public assess channels. He further explained how it's shown on Comcast in Monroe. This could not be used in Bedford because the signal does not reach this far south of Monroe. Discussion followed with Tienvieri asking that the formation of a Communication Committee be placed on the agenda for board action.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Hershberger to approve the consent agenda, which included the Bedford Township Board minutes from January 21, 2014, and the appointment of Korleen Bialecki, Brad Greeley, Karen Fisher, Joyce Blanton, John Kreuchauf and Gene Stock to the Master Plan Steering Committee, as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Todd Bruning – 2980 Consear Road, commented on the fire department issues.

Nicole Willoughby, 7986 Mohawk, spoke to the fire department issues.

Rick Velich, 928 Dempster St., Bedford Township Firefighter, commented on the fire department issues.

Scott Duvall, 160 E. Substation, teacher and Bedford Township firefighter, commented on fire department issues.

Jim Lykowski, 1609 W. Dean, speaking as a 14 year Bedford Township firefighter and citizen regarding the fire department accusations that have been stated at the past township board meetings.

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear Rd, supports the firefighters and commented on money for departments.

**OLD BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES, SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SEMCOG) – Discussion was held regarding joining SEMCOG at this time or waiting for the governors' changes in the districting of SEMCOG. The board agreed to bring the issue back for board action if and when the governor makes the changes in districting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$42,926.51, Fire District-\$8,275.47, Police Fund-\$96.31, Park Fund-\$1,955.88, Transit System Fund-\$20,073.00, Library Operating Fund-\$7,347.88, Water Revenue Fund-\$879.93, Rehabilitation Fund-\$1,334.00, DDA Fund-\$99.75, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$472,511.15, Trust & Agency Fund-\$6,122.90, for a grand total of \$561,622.78, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

*Request for Approval of a Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for Jackman Road Elementary PTO* – Hershberger presented the resolution from Jackman Road Elementary PTO for a charitable gaming license. Motion by Hershberger, seconded by O’Dell to approve the resolution for a charitable gaming license for Jackman Road PTO as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: O’Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Francis.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Todd Bruning – 2980 Consear Road, commented on the fire department issue.

Rick Velich, 928 Dempster St., Bedford Township Firefighter, thanked the township board for their time regarding the fire department issues.

Nicole Willoughby, 7986 Mohawk, commented on the fire department issues.

**COMMENTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – commented on the local roads and the lack of funding. She asked about the progress of hiring a new fire chief and if Planning and BZA meetings could be aired. She also spoke about the citizen of the year nomination and read a statement regarding the fire department.

Pirrone – commented on the fire department issues and their service to the community. He further mentioned that the Planning Commission was in need of a member.

Steiner – commented on fire department issues still being worked on and it taking time. He talked about the road issues and possible solutions to discuss. Steiner also mentioned the need for a member on the BZA Committee along with the need for another alternate member.

O’Dell – commented on road issues and the county trucks. He further commented on fire department issues and contracts.

Hershberger – advised of the four bids received for the Master Plan, that the township hall would be closed Monday, February 17 for Presidents’ Day and a web page being created for the Bedford Fire Dept.

Stewart – commented on road issues, fire department issues and the contracts, and snowmobiles not allowed on the road ways. He further updated the board on the hiring of a new fire chief. Lastly, he called a meeting of the whole for Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss the EDC and Monroe County Business Development Corp.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Stewart adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk