

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

January 19, 2016

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Greg Stewart, Supervisor

Paul Francis, Treasurer

Larry O'Dell, Trustee

Rick Steiner, Trustee

Paul Pirrone, Trustee

Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

EXCUSED: Trudy Hershberger, Clerk

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 minutes of the January 5, 2016 board meeting

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

Approve and place on file the Revenue/Expense report and Balance Sheet for the period ending December 31, 2015.

To approve with regret the resignation of Laura Collins from the Grants & Loans Committee and the Fire Advisory Board, effective immediately.

To appoint Matthew Angerer to the Planning Commission for a 1st term, ending December 31, 2018.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP CONSTRUCTION AND FIRE CODES ORDINANCE (70A-11)

Stewart spoke, stating this amendment is the result of the board asking the township attorney to update ordinance 70. Francis spoke to the issue, stating this amendment is the first step toward resolving the issue of the number of homes allowed per entrance in a new subdivision, the next step will be to approve a planner then set the new standards. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by O'Dell to approve the amendment to the Bedford Township Construction and Fire Codes Ordinance, which removes the 2012 appendices, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri & Stewart. Nays: None.

Excused: Hershberger

METRO ACT FUNDS

Stewart spoke, referring to the memo he had written for the board packet, mentioning the proposed cost of painting the lines for parking spaces on the east side of Lewis Avenue, south of Temperance Road would be approximately \$700.00. Discussion followed regarding this parking

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issue. Pirrone suggested also marking the street for a turn lane and crosswalks. Discussion followed regarding the other Metro Fund issues listed in the memo.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Pirrone to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$227,154.99, Fire District-\$5,259.48, Police Fund-\$103,749.22, Park Fund-\$31,386.92, Transit System Fund-\$20,966.50, Library Operating Fund-\$4,478.10, Economic Development Corp. Fund-\$100.00, Water Revenue Fund-\$6,218.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$16,494.35, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$18,163.86, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$5,759.50 for a total of \$439,759.50. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN EXTENSION OF THE PRELIMINARY PUD APPROVAL FOR APPLE CREEK ESTATES PUD

Stewart spoke, stating the developers have asked for the extension due to the construction and fire code ordinance amendment issue. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the extension of the preliminary PUD approval for Apple Creek Estates PUD, on Jackman Road north of Smith on the west side. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A STREETLIGHT AT LARGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF DOUGLAS ROAD AND THUNDERBIRD DRIVE (entrance to Thunderbird Trail Subdivision)

Stewart spoke stating the cost of this light would be \$100.00 with the expected usage rate to be \$11.75 per month. Discussion followed regarding the type of light bulb to be used and whether or not low energy lighting will be used. Stewart stated both the Library and Township Hall will have a study done for lighting cost savings. Tienvieri stated Ida Township's streetlights at large had all been changed to low energy bulbs by Detroit Edison, with major cost savings. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by O'Dell to direct the clerk to permit the installation of a streetlight at large at Douglas Road and Thunderbird Drive, provided low energy lighting is used. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – gave the Adopt-a-Road report for 2015, stating 814+ bags of trash had been picked up, and then gave some suggestions for additional community cleanup.

Scott Reitz, 2816 Sanibel – requested an update on the proposed Cable Committee

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel – spoke to the board regarding his request for information on public act 152, questioning the township's health insurance costs, and referring to the December 15, 2015 board meeting.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – gave some suggestions for the use of BBA grant monies (lights, sidewalks in Temperance) and spoke to the issue of a turning lane at Temperance & Lewis.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – stated the proposed communication/cable committee is coming slowly. She also mentioned the names of some potential members and stated that by April a mission statement and other info will be brought to the board.

Pirrone – asked Stewart to speak to resident Dale Track’s questions.

Steiner – again suggested the board create a “tickler” file to track issues that come before the board. He also thanked Gail Keane for her work on the Adopt-a-Road program and encouraged residents to be aware and keep their areas clean.

O’Dell – spoke to the issue of insurance costs and Public Act 152, asking Stewart to consider setting a meeting with Mr. Track, himself and David Manning, Finance Director.

Francis – stated all of Mr. Track’s questions have been presented, the township is paying more for insurance than Act152 allows, which is why the township has exempted itself from those requirements, as has more than 80% of the townships in the state.

Stewart – stated he would redo the information regarding insurance costs and Public Act 152 and show how the board arrived at the numbers. He will clarify the information and place in on his website page.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary