

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

July 16, 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 Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

Approval of the July 2, 2013 minutes.

Approval of the Treasurer's reports.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dustin Krasny, District Rep. for Congressman Walberg, spoke , stating Congressman Walberg would be holding a coffee hour on Monday, August 5th at the township hall and mentioning several current issues the congressman is working on in Washington.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Pirrone to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$265,287.36, Fire District-\$32,906.22, Police Fund-\$106,438.94, Park Fund-\$22,014.14, Cemetery Operating Fund-\$163.22, Transit System Fund-\$21,211.00, Library Operating Fund-\$3,623.20, Water Revenue Fund-\$2,220.00, DDA Fund-\$1,285.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$10,269.96, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$1,376.00, for a total of \$466,795.04. 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 TO HIRE AN INDIVIDUAL FOR A FULL TIME ASSESSING DEPARTMENT POSITION

Stewart spoke explaining the need for a full time person, that it's in the budget and the search process he and Assessor Chris Renius have gone thru. Board members commented on training issues and costs, part time vs. full time, the suggested hourly wage, and benefits. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to hire Lewis Smith to the position of full time support person in the Assessing Department, per the recommendation of the Township Supervisor, at a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour and without the requirement for reimbursement of education/training. 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 A STREETLIGHT AT LARGE AT THE INTERSECTION OF SUMMERFIELD AND REDDINGTON

Stewart spoke, explaining this request had been made by a township resident, the site is a school bus stop, Consumers has confirmed the wiring is already in place, and the installation cost will be \$100.00. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the request for a streetlight at large at the intersection of Summerfield and Reddington, at a cost of \$100.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – mentioned the last EDC meeting and what the board is working on, EDC is holding a special meeting on Thursday to discuss the corridor authority on Lewis. She questioned the problem of televising EDC meetings and the conflict with televised township board meetings, and asked for consideration to be contacted personally on issues.

Pirrone – mentioned the Farmers Market issue is still being worked on, with the committee seeking a good location on Jackman Road.

Steiner – mentioned the July 30, 2013 Comm. of the Whole meeting will be a discussion of township policies, and welcomed Mr. Smith.

O'Dell – mentioned several park issues, installation of a new swing set and park benches at Indian Creek, a rep. from the Nature Conservancy speaking to the board regarding possible grants, a meeting with the school board regarding the Adopt-A-Park program, vandalism issues at the parks, and welcomed Mr. Smith.

Francis – Welcomed Mr. Smith and mentioned the Fire Commission is working on a salary package for a new fire chief, then will begin revising the Fire Rules and Regulation Ordinance.

Hershberger – Welcomed Mr. Smith and reminded residents the Clerk's Dept. is a passport agency and gave additional info regarding times and how to contact the department with questions regarding passports.

Stewart – informed the board he had written a letter of support for Unique Tool and Mfg's application for funding thru MEDC and thanked the board for their positive attitude toward business in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary