

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

July 7, 2015

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

ALSO PRESENT: Barry Buschmann, Mannik&Smith Group

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 Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the agenda with the addition of item 7G, Report from the Personnel Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the June 16, 2015 Township Board minutes.

To accept with regret the resignation of Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz from the Bedford Township Fire Department, effective July 31, 2015.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

State Rep. Jason Shepard, 7235 Bent Creek, gave an update on road funding issues, thanked Bedford Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz for his service to Bedford Township, and answered board members questions regarding various state house and senate issues.

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-\$144,912.17, Fire District-\$55,783.68, Police Fund-\$385.48, Park Fund-\$50,884.83, Transit System Fund-\$23,699.00, Library Operating Fund-\$17,110.49, Water Revenue Fund-\$3,700.00, Giant Oaks SAD-\$943.75, Center Drive SAD-\$133.85, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$1,917.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$6,469.95, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$227,795.01 for a total of \$533,735.21. 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 FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SHERIFFS FOR INCREASED POLICE PROTECTION PRIMARILY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Deputy Chief Heath Velliquette was introduced and spoke to the issue, explaining the amendment would make the length of time for the contract to be extended to indefinite with the allowance for either party to end the contract at any time. Discussion followed, with Velliquette answering board members questions. Tienvieri thanked Velliquette and Sheriff Malone for meeting with her regarding concerns and questions she had concerning the Sheriff's contract and reporting issues. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to sign the first amendment to the agreement to provide for additional deputy sheriffs for increased police protection primarily within

the jurisdiction of Bedford Township, as presented. 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 REZONE A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 5802-028-020-00 FROM PBO (PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS OFFICE) TO R-2A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Stewart spoke, explaining this property is zoned R-2A in the back landlocked portion, and PBO in the front. Approval of this request would resolve a split-zoning issue and has been approved by both the county and township planning commissions. Pirrone spoke to the issue giving further details about the property. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Steiner to approve the request to rezone a 4.3 acre portion of parcel no. 5802-028-020-00 from PBO to R-2A on a vacant parcel located on Dean Road east of Forest View Lanes as the Master Plan designates the area Single Family Residential, the amount of PBO parcels already within the township, resolving a split-zoned vacant parcel bringing the entire parcel to an R-2A Single Family Residential zoning district, and upon recommendation of the Monroe Planning Commission and the Bedford Township Planning Commission. 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 WAIVER OF THE 4 TO 1 DEPTH TO WIDTH RATIO FOR A LAND DIVISION REQUEST FOR PARCEL 5802-106-093-00, 4285 SMITH ROAD

Steiner spoke to the issue giving details of the Board of Zoning Appeals approval of the land division. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the waiver of the 4 to 1 depth to width ratio for a land division request for parcel no 5802-106-093-00, 4285 Smith Road, owned by Phillip O'Deal and Michael Boose, as approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals. 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 BID FOR REPAVING OF THE BEDFORD LIBRARY AND THE LAMBERTVILLE & BEDFORD CEMETERIES

Barry Buschmann, Mannik&Smith Group spoke explaining the bid process and giving the board information on the four bids received. He recommended the board approve the low bid of \$120,135.00 from Jennite Corporation, which does not include the slurry seal of the back parking lot of the library. That item can be quoted at a later date. Buschmann then answered questions from board members. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the secondary bid from Jennite Corporation, which excludes the slurry seal on the back area of the Library parking lot, to repave the Bedford Library and the Lambertville and Bedford Cemeteries at a cost of \$100,103.00 for the library, and \$20,032.00 for the cemeteries as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY FIREPLACE REPAIR

Stewart spoke, informing the board that the fireplace at the Bedford Library has had limited or no use since the building was built. He and Tienvieri had a meeting at the library with the head librarian, Rawlings Heating/Cooling, and a rep. from Doctor Flue, Inc. to discuss the problem and come to a resolution. The rep. from Doctor Flue, Inc. believes the overheating problem can be corrected at a cost of approximately \$500.00, and Rawlings believes there is a gas leak that needs to be corrected and estimated the cost to not exceed \$4,500 to find the location of the leak and correct it. Tienvieri further discussed the issue as Library Board Liaison, giving more detailed information regarding the problem

and answering board members questions. Discussion followed. Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Tienvieri to spend no more than \$5,000.00 for the repair of the Bedford Library fireplace. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

REPORT FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Francis handed out information from the Township's Personnel Committee outlining a proposed process to use in selecting a new fire chief. Discussion followed, with the board agreeing the proposed process is a good idea.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bedford Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz – spoke, thanking the board, the fire department staff, the Fire Advisory Board, and the citizens of Bedford for their support. He also mentioned all of the advances made by the fire department during his tenure, and said with the support the township board has shown the fire department, it will encourage good candidates to apply for the position.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – commented on MTA's concerns regarding townships autonomy, and stated she is against having state and federal legislators speak at board meetings.

Pirrone – thanked everyone who prayed for him during his recent back surgery, thanked Rudy Ruiz for the good job he has done with the Fire Department, mentioned the farmer's market is getting more new vendors, and gave the board an update on planning commission issues.

Steiner – updated the board on BZA issues and thanked Rudy Ruiz for the good job he has done with the Fire Department.

O'Dell – stated he is sorry to see Rudy Ruiz go, and thanked him for his vision, commented on local politics and local politicians, and gave the board a report on issues the Park Board has accomplished.

Francis – thanked Rudy Ruiz for his vision and work with the fire department. He also stated tax bills have been mailed out and residents need to call his office if they didn't receive one, taxes are due and payable on September 14th.

Hershberger – the Master Plan was approved as a draft on 6/29/2015, by the Steering Committee is on the agenda to be approved by Planning on 7/9/2015, and will come to the township board to approve the distribution of the plan, on 8/4/2015. She also thanked Rudy Ruiz for the great job he has done bringing grant monies to the township for the fire department.

Stewart – thanked the Park Board for the fireworks, and stated the board needs to work together to move forward with Rudy's vision for the fire department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary