

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

June 4, 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

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Manning, Township Finance Director

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.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing on the proposed General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

Mr. Manning presented the information on the proposed General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014 and answered questions from the Township Board members.

Mr. Doug Dibert – 7915 Mclain, commented on the EDC funding.

Motion by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to close the public hearing on the proposed General Fund Budget for fiscal year 2013/2014, 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 2013/2014 GENERAL FUND BUDGET** – Discussion was held between the board members regarding questions on the General Fund budget. Motion by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to approve the General Fund Appropriations Resolution for the fiscal year 2013/2014 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 OF 2013/2014 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET** – Discussion was held between the board members regarding questions on the Special Revenue Funds budget. Motion by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the Special Revenue Funds Appropriations Resolution for the fiscal year 2013/2014 as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

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

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the consent agenda, which included the Bedford Township Board minutes from May 21, 2013 as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Carol Stephens – 7528 Wellsley, commented on the noise ordinance and the noise from the businesses around her neighborhood. She also commented on the Vietnam wall coming to Toledo, Ohio June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$18,308.95, Fire District-\$22,237.51, Police Fund-\$495.22, Park Fund-\$6,832.77, Cemetery Operating Fund-\$918.00, Library Operating Fund-\$11,872.71, Water Revenue Fund-\$1,850.00, Rehabilitation Fund-\$14.00, DDA Fund-\$878.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$614.97, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$425.90, for a grand total of \$64,448.53. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT – Motion by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the Fee Schedule, as mandated by the Michigan State law, regarding the newly amended Wireless Telecommunications Towers and Antennas ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MTA DUES FOR FISCAL YEAR 07/01/2013 THROUGH 06/30/2014 – Tienvieri commented on her support of the M.T.A. and questioned how many other organizations the township holds membership in, and how those memberships benefit the citizens of Bedford. Motion by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the MTA dues for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 in the amount of \$5,464.00, omitting the legal defense portion of the invoice. 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**

Dale Zorn, State Representative, Ida – Spoke on the budget that was approved and the positive effective it will have on road improvements. He also answered questions by board members.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – Asked for an Annual Report from the Fire Department and commented on the light going in at the intersection of Secor and Consear Roads.

Pirrone – commented on the Farmers Market, the noise ordinance and thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments.

Steiner – commented on the Fire Department report and looking into a disaster drill plan and the noise ordinance. He also thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments.

O'Dell – commented on the cable channel and the disaster drill communication that was in place. He also thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments.

Francis – commented on a disaster plan that was in place, the Fire Department report and thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments.

Hershberger – Congratulated the Bedford Class of 2013, reminded people of the Samaria Days on June 8 celebrating their 30<sup>th</sup> year, along with the Bedford Senior Center Strawberry Festival on the same day. She also informed the public of the Hazardous Waste collection that will be at the Township Hall June 12<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm – 7 pm. She also thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments.

Stewart – Thanked Mr. Zorn for his comments. He advised the board of the new agenda used at the meeting, talked about the noise ordinance and the need for the burning ordinance to include new language adopted by the state of Michigan and the self help programs for road repairs. He commented on the light at the intersection of Secor and Consear, list of memberships he will give to Tienvieri and the return on the investment in the memberships. He gave a brief description of the DDA and mentioned that people have contacted him regarding funds for the Farmers Market.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Stewart adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk