

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

November 14, 2017

7:00 pm

PRESENT:

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Paul Francis, Treasurer

LaMar Frederick, Trustee
TC Clements, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Lennard Graham & Goldsmith

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Rev. Lewis Carlson, from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes, a change in the wording of item 8-F, to say Trimming of Trees instead of Removal of Trees, and removal of item 8-I, Request for Discussion/Approval for Cyber Security and Business Development. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda with the change in item 8-F to Trimming of the Trees, and the removal of item 8-I, Request for Discussion/Approval for Cyber Security and Business Development. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the October 17, 2017 Township Board minutes.

Acceptance of the resignation of LaMar Frederick from Board of Review effective immediately.

Approval of the appointment of Erin Round to Board of Review for a partial term ending 12/31/2018.

Approval of the 2018 meeting dates of the Bedford Township Board.

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING MILITARY VETERANS

The following veterans were presented with a pin in honor of their service to our country and community:

Charles Mahoney	Air Force	Vietnam
Robert Venia	Army	Korea
Dan Lammie	Navy	Vietnam
R. LaMar Frederick	Air Force	Korea
Roy Gephart	AirForce	Vietnam
Robert Lavoy	Army	World War II
Dan Sadowski	Army	Vietnam

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandwine – spoke regarding the Monroe County Sheriff’s Dept. monthly reports.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE SIX SETS OF FIREFIGHTER TURNOUT GEAR

Fire Chief Adam Massingill spoke, explaining this request is part of the fire department’s replacement plan, with the goal to have all of the turnout gear replaced before it’s obsolete. He further stated a grant had been applied for to purchase the gear but was not awarded to Bedford this year. He has money in the budget to cover the cost of this purchase and is recommending approval of the low bid of \$1959.90 per set from Time Emergency Equipment. He then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the purchase of six sets of turnout gear for the fire department from Time Emergency Equipment at a cost of \$11,759.40. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE REQUEST FROM THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT FOR THE CHANGE FROM SEASONAL STAFF TO PART-TIME SUPPORT STAFF FOR JOSH ROZEK

Alan Matlow, Lead Assessor, spoke explaining the need to add part-time support staff in his department and stated Josh Rozek has been a hard worker, self-starter and has earned his MCAT certification on his own time. He recommended hiring Josh Rozek as part-time support staff, to work 20-25 hours per week at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour. He then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to hire Josh Rozek as a part-time support staff employee in the Assessing Department, to work 24 hours per week at a pay rate of \$16.50 per hour. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

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-\$560,646.61, Fire District-\$20,223.95, Police Fund-\$98,168.53, Park Fund-\$10,702.37, Transit System Fund-\$19,185.00, Metro Act Fund-\$4,450.00 Library Operating Fund-\$10,798.99, Water Revenue Fund-\$4,435.60, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$4,634.28, Green Hills SAD-\$10,500.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony SAD-\$3,858.75, Downtown Development Authority-\$2,005.07, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$16,605.99, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$538.00 for a total of \$776,038.14. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A P.A. 116 FARMLAND AGREEMENT FOR ROLAND & CARMEN COUSINO ON PROPERTY #5802-025-012-10

Hershberger spoke, stating this request is for a P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement from Mr. & Mrs. Roland Cousino for their property on Crabb Road. She further mentioned the board had received all of the documentation needed for approval of this request. Motion was made by Hershberger,

seconded by Tienvieri to approve the P.A. 116 Farmland Agreement for Roland & Carmen Cousino on property ID No. 5802-025-012-10, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2018 BUDGET FOR OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SEWAGE SYSTEM

Francis and Deputy Drain Commissioner Tim Csurgo spoke, explaining this is an annual request and is a projected budget plan because the Drain Commission works on a calendar year budget compared to the township's fiscal year budget. Csurgo then went on to explain the status of the loan from the state to build a new sewer treatment plant and the new processes that will be used to process sewer waste. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the resolution approving the 2018 budget for the operation and maintenance of the Bedford Township sewage system, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST TO AMEND ARTICLE XI, SECTION 400.1101 "PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED" TO INSERT LANGUAGE TO ALLOW A MICRO-BREWERY AND BREW PUB USE IN A C-1 ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO AMEND ARTICLE II, SECTION 400.200 "CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE AND DEFINITIONS" TO ADD DEFINITIONS OF A MICRO-BREWERY AND BREW PUB

Frederick spoke, explaining what this ordinance amendment will and will not provide for. He then answered board members questions. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to amend Bedford Township Zoning Ordinance 44 to include the following: Section 201, Article II to include the definition of microbrewery and brewpub, Section 1101, Article XI, C-1 Local Business District to allow microbreweries and brewpubs as a permitted use, Section 1101, Article XI, C-1 Local Business District to renumber paragraphs accordingly, repeal all ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance Amendment, ordain that this Ordinance Amendment shall be effective 8 days after publication as required by law; for the following reasons, the Bedford Township Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Ordinance Amendment, The Monroe County Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Ordinance Amendment, and the Ordinance Amendment opens the opportunity for new businesses in Bedford Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM ORDINANCE 27A-9

Francis spoke, stating this amendment was needed to correct and update our current ordinance. Goldsmith spoke stating this amendment simply cleans up the language of the ordinance to make the intent clearer. Deputy Drain Commissioner Csurgo spoke to the issue as well. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve Ordinance amendment 27-A9, an amendment to the Water Supply Ordinance, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A QUOTE FOR THE TRIMMING OF TREES ALONG LEWIS AVENUE AND SAMARIA ROADS

Pirrone spoke, stating the Beautification Committee had requested the quotes for the trimming of 166 crabapple and Bradford Pear trees on Lewis Avenue and Samaria Roads. The committee recommends approval of the quote from Erie Tree Service at a cost of \$7,470.00. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to accept the quote from Erie Tree Service for the trimming of 166 trees on Lewis Avenue and Samaria Roads at a cost of \$7,470.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEMCOG 2017-18 MEMBERSHIP

Pirrone spoke stating he and his deputy have attended SEMCOG meetings and believe membership in this organization is a valuable resource for the township, then gave examples of the assistance they have provided. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to pay the 2017-18 membership dues to SEMCOG in the amount of \$1,958.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO EXPAND THE LEWIS AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Pirrone spoke explaining the need to expand the membership of the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee by two members to become a nine-member board. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to expand membership in the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee to a nine-member board. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – questioned why he has not had a response to his concerns/comments regarding the Monroe County Sheriff’s Dept.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clements – mentioned that the Park board is interested in a possible collaboration with the Grant Committee, the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee in researching grants.

Tienvieri – stated she agrees with Logan Tisdale’s comments and remarks regarding the Sheriff’s Department, and chose not to meet with the Sheriff after the last board meeting. Suggested the board needs to review all contracts including the Sheriff’s Dept. contracts. She also thanked Chief Massingill for trying to get advanced transport for Bedford.

Steiner – Commented on the Sheriff’s contract issue and the comments made by Frederick regarding the Sheriff’s contract at the last board meeting, commented positively on the new veteran’s memorial and recent dedication service, stated he had watched the fire training last week and is working with Chief Massingill to schedule a “ride along”, and will be working with the Chief on scheduling.

Frederick – spoke to the board regarding a handout that gave information regarding DTE and their attempts to get their property valuation reduced in Frenchtown Twp. and the City of Monroe and how that will affect those jurisdictions as well as county millages, further stating the need for

the township to have a strategic plan with regard to future millage requests in Bedford. He then commented at length regarding Tienvieri's comments about the Sheriff's Dept. contract.

Francis – informed the board that winter tax bills will be mailed out on or near December 1st, with payment without penalty due by February 14th, 2018. He then commented at length on the Sheriff's contract issue, stating he believed the Law Enforcement Committee should not have been disbanded without a report, and their information could be helpful with regard to the continued questions and controversy over the Sheriff's contract.

Hershberger – Stated she would allow her deputy to speak. Deputy Clerk Garnet Francis spoke, informing the board of her retirement from Bedford Township on December 4, 2017. Hershberger then informed the board she would be appointing Nancy Gin as her new Deputy and requesting the hiring of seasonal worker Angie Dec as her Administrative Assistant at the November 21, 2017 board meeting. She further stated the dedication of the Veterans marker at the township hall was a very nice ceremony, the November 7th special school election went well with the new equipment and only a few minor glitches, and thanked Chief Massingill for the CPR training he organized for township employees.

Pirrone - Thanked Francis for her years of dedication to Bedford Township, thanked Chief Massingill for teaching the CPR class, and his assistance in working to get a water line extended to Bridgepoint Church at Erie and Lewis, and stated Massingill would be holding a first aid class at the township in the future. An active shooter drill is also planned and asked Clements, Steiner, Ordinance Officer Cecil, Chief Massingill and the Sheriff's department to coordinate and organize a disaster plan for the township hall. He has also been working with the Senior Center as they look at a new building or location, working on a partnership with Promedica towards this end, the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee met with SEMCOG to work on a plan for revitalization of the Lewis Avenue corridor, he's talked with Tim Lake regarding revitalizing the EDC for assistance with the I-75 corridor issue, he thanked everyone who attended the veteran's memorial dedication, thanked Steiner for assisting the Ordinance Dept. in utilizing tracking software, mentioned the proposed widening of Secor Road south of Sterns and said that State Rep. Jason Sheppard and County Comm. Moore are looking into ways to fund a \$21,000 study, and commented on the need to store salt behind the maintenance garage for the maintenance department to use this winter instead of having to drive 1 ½ hours to load salt.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary