

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
December 5, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	LaMar Frederick, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Paul Francis, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Lennard Graham & Goldsmith; Dave Manning, Bedford Township Finance Director; Adam Massingill, Bedford Township Fire Chief

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 Bob Tienvieri.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes: an additional Presentation by Dale Zorn as 4A, and to move the subsequent two Presentations to 4B and 4C. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Clements, Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the November 21, 2017 Township Board Minutes.

Approval of the reappointment of Phil Koenigseker to Fire Advisory Board for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2019.

Approval of the reappointment of Jim Neorr to the Fire Advisory Board for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2019.

Approval of the appointment of Diane Stark to the Fire Advisory Board for a 1st term ending 12/31/2019.

Approval of the appointment of Mary Ashton to the Grant Writing Committee for a 1st term ending 12/31/2019.

Approval of the appointment of Jake Lake to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 1st term ending 12/31/2020.

Approval of the appointment of Ronald Fritz to the Planning Commission for a 1st term ending 12/31/2020.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri 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 BY STATE SENATOR DALE ZORN HONORING GARNET FRANCIS – State Senator Dale Zorn presented Garnet Francis with a State Tribute plaque honoring her for her 25 years of public service to the Bedford Township Community.

PRESENTATION HONORING MILITARY VETERANS – Pirrone and Hershberger presented pins honoring 4 veterans of the military, thanking them on behalf of the Board and Community for their service to our Country:

Christina Furlong	US Army	18 months in Germany
Bob Drudge	US Navy	1954, served on repair ship
Les Marsh	US Air Force	1954-1958 Air Command
Claude Cawood	US Army	Sargent 1939-1945

PRESENTATION HONORING 2017 BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DETECTIVE OF THE YEAR – JEFF HOOPER – Hershberger read and presented a Resolution honoring Jeff Hooper as Bedford Township's Deputy of the Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine: Reminded everyone to remember Military and First Responders during the Christmas season, as it can be a difficult time for some.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2018 – Manning explained the reasons for the budget adjustments. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution amending the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follow: Aye: Hershberger, Clements, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING BEDFORD TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT FROM REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018 – Manning explained this resolution needs to be signed yearly until the percentage paid by the employees reaches the 20% mandated by the Affordable Care Act. The percentage paid by employees has been increasing slowly as to not cause employees hardship. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to adopt the Resolution exempting Bedford Township Government from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for the Township's next succeeding medical benefits calendar year. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE FIRE CHIEF TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CADET PROGRAM WITHIN THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Massingill spoke on the need for this resolution in order for the Cadets in the program to receive a Certificate of completion for state qualified training on their 18th birthday. Motion by Francis, seconded by Frederick to adopt the Resolution to establish a Bedford Township Cadet Program as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE EMERGENCY FURNACE REPLACEMENT AT BEDFORD FIRE STATION 2 – Chief Massingill explained the need for the emergency replacement. Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements to ratify the purchase of the replacement furnace and air conditioning unit at Fire Station 2, in the amount of \$5200.00 with Thompson Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Frederick, Hershberger, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO APPOINT FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – Chief Massingill explained that the Fire Department's strategic plan calls for a 20% increase in their volunteer numbers which has been a challenge. They are going to try to hold both Fall and Spring recruiting classes. These new firefighters are the results of their Fall class. Motion by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the appointment of four new firefighters, Tim Hoberg, Shawn McBride, Cody Billings, and William Drake as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION REGARDING THE REVIEW OF THE MONROE COUNTY SHERIFF'S CONTRACT – Tienvieri spoke informing the Board it was not her intention to discuss the Monroe County Sheriff's Contract, but to discuss the findings of the disbanded Law

Enforcement Committee and come to a conclusion on the issue of whether the Township should have their own police or continue to use the Monroe County Sheriff's Dept. A lengthy discussion followed with the Board deciding to allow one week for any Committee members who had not submitted their documents to do so, and then the individual Board members would review all documents along with the executive summary and this issue will be discussed at a future Board meeting.

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-\$107,746.36, Fire District-\$11,889.59, Police Fund-\$1,382.21, Park Fund-\$3,824.10 Transit System Fund-\$21,059.00, Library Operating Fund-\$117.30, Indian Acres SAD-\$1,015.38, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$2,414.55, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,891.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$378,851.70, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$339.30 for a total of \$530,530.99. 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 MICRO BREWER PERMIT – Hershberger spoke, noting Mr. Groll needs this Resolution in order to move forward. Motion by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution to permit a Micro Brewer permit for John Groll, located at 7548 Lewis Avenue as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO EXPAND THE FIRE ADVISORY BOARD – Chief Massingill explained that they were beginning the process of updating the Fire Department's Strategic Plan and he felt there would be value in having additional members to help with this process, at least for the coming year. Motion by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve expanding the Fire Advisory Board to seven members from the current five. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Francis, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger, Pirrone. Nays: None, Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Commented on the duties and responsibilities of the MI State Police.

Dean Ansel, 2005 Center – Had comments regarding the Law Enforcement Committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – Complimented the Ordinance Dept. for the resident document they are working on and read an excerpt from Par Plan News which encourages a decision be made and put on paper regarding the Medical Marijuana issue.

Clements – Stated he wants what's best for the Township, but it is his opinion Bedford could not provide a comparable Police Dept. based on the research of the Law Enforcement Committee, then he congratulated Ms. Francis on her retirement.

Steiner – Thanked Garnet Francis for her service, mentioned he would like the Board to have a chance to review the Ordinance document before it is distributed to the public, is looking forward to seeing Mr. Ansel's information, wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and reminded residents to stay safe and follow the law.

Frederick – Clarified his comments regarding Police Department staffing and expressed his appreciation for Garnet Francis service to the community.

Francis – Reminded residents that the tax bills have been mailed out and are due by Feb. 14th after which time the state mandates penalties and interest be added, and feels all the Board members need to look at the facts regarding the Law Enforcement Committee.

Hershberger – Congratulated the honored Veterans, Deputy of the Year, Jeff Hooper, Garnet Francis on her retirement, and welcomed her new staff. She reported on the LUCA training she attended with the Planning Department for the upcoming census and mentioned how any Law Enforcement records turned in now would not be considered official records since the committee is no longer in existence.

Pirrone – Attended the State of Township Address and is excited about things going on in Bedford like the grand opening of Healthy Haven and the new Ordinance Dept. guide; Burning is over, but residents can purchase a permit at the townhall; the Ordinance Department has a new snowbird program; residents with questions should call or email the Township for answers instead of just using social media, he thanked John's Trailer for their part in helping to raise \$32,000 for Veteran's in Bedford, and wished Garnet Francis a Happy Retirement and everyone a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary