

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
December 19, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED: T.C. Clements, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney; L. Donavon McGuire, CPA; Dave Manning, Township Finance Director;

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 p.m. followed by a moment of silence for Village of Dundee Police Chief Todd Opperman, the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Pastor Loewe, from Christ the King Lutheran Church. Santa then stopped by to greet each Board member and give them a candy cane.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- Approval of the December 5, 2017 Township Board Minutes;
- Acceptance of the General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD Reports from the Treasurer;
- Approval of the Revenue/Expense Report & Balance Sheet for the period ending 11/30/2017;
- Acceptance of the resignation of Linda Rohr from the Grant Writing Committee, effective immediately;
- Approval to appoint Bryce Bankowski to the Construction Board of Appeals for a 1st term ending 12/31/2019;
- Approval to reappoint Jerry Tibai to the Board of Review for a 5th term ending 12/31/2019;
- Approval to reappoint Phil Koenigseker to the Board of Review for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2019;
- Approval to reappoint Anthony Keane to the Board of Review as an Alternate Member for a 3rd term ending 12/31/2019;
- Approval to reappoint Lisa Janos to the Housing Commission for a 1st full term ending 12/31/2022;
- Approval to reappoint Patricia Bull to the Beautification Committee for a 3rd term ending 12/31/2023;
- Approval to reappoint Kathleen Ahonen to the Library Advisory Board for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2020;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY TIM BROWN, PRESIDENT OF TMACOG – Brown thanked the Board for its past membership and gave a quick review on last year’s accomplishments. He then explained some current regional challenges, especially a possible regional water system.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

STAFF REPORTSREQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SIX RESOLUTIONS FOR THE DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN

Manning spoke stating these six resolutions are required by the State of Michigan, to show the plan the Township has to eliminate the debt incurred for six Special Assessment Districts that were funded through the General Fund. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for the Chapel Creek Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for Indian Acres Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for the Sandywell Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for Giant Oaks Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for Wild Haven Park Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution for the Deficit Elimination Plan for Mohawk Trails Subdivision Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TMACOG MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018 – Prieur, Deputy Supervisor, shared his experience with attending TMACOG meetings this past year. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to accept membership in Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments for 2018 with a membership fee of \$5,733.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: Clements. Tienvieri voted no because she does not see how membership will benefit the Township taxpayers.

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-\$92,039.99, Fire District-\$71,046.85, Police Fund-\$1,727.44, Park Fund-\$3,976.87, Library Fund-\$4,313.78,

Economic Dev. Corp Fund-\$100.00, Indian Acres SAD-\$653.38, Sandywell SAD-\$6,044.75, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$2,965.13, Downtown Development Authority-\$2,752.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$14,311.68, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$338.00 for a total of \$200,269.87. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

PRESENTATION OF AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017 – Mr. McGuire, Township Auditor, spoke giving the Board an overview of the Township's financial status, stating the Township is in a reasonable financial condition with a General Fund balance of \$2.9 million as of June 30, 2017. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hershberger to accept the Audit Report and Annual Financial Statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Hershberger, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO RELOCATE/ESTABLISH PRECINCT VOTING LOCATIONS – Hershberger explained she would like to relocate Precinct 9 polling location from the Bedford Library to Compelled Church and to relocate Precinct 11 from United Methodist Church and move it to and establish a new polling location at Shelton Park Church of God. This would eliminate the congestion at our largest polling locations and allow the Township to be able to continue to consolidate precincts for school elections. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution for Relocation/Establishment of Polling Locations, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2018 POVERTY GUIDELINES RESOLUTION FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Hershberger spoke, stating the Board needs to approve the Federal Poverty Guidelines each year and that it is used by the Assessing Department to assist residents with their property taxes in hardship situations. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Frederick to approve the Resolution on Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions for 2018 Assessments, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE SEASONAL SUPPORT STAFF POSITION TO PART TIME SUPPORT STAFF POSITION – Francis spoke explaining in preparation of South County Water System transitioning to monthly billing and the impact it will have on his department, he would like to change his seasonal support staff position to a part-time support staff position. Much discussion followed. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to postpone further discussion and action on the change of seasonal support staff position to part-time staff position until the next meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SEWER RATES FOR 2018 – Francis stated this is a consideration the Board needs to make each year, and the average quarterly increase would be 8.11%. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to adopt the Resolution to set the Sanitary Sewer Service System rates to the amount shown in Schedule A which results in an average of 8.11% for an average quarterly bill for 2018. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REACTIVATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Pirrone explained his desire to bring this Corporation back to support the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee and Tim Lake at MCBDC, and to help market our Community. Goldsmith spoke, stating the Corporation is still on file with the Secretary of State Office and explained how it could be reactivated. Discussion followed with questions about the Corporation’s authority and what it’s goals and objectives would be. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to table this discussion until the second meeting in January, so the board has a chance to do more research and receive some criteria on why this should be done. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Clements.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Commented on and handed each Board member his report summarizing the patrol hours of the Monroe County Sheriff Department.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert Street – Spoke to monthly sewer billing issue.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Frederick – Reminded residents to remember and pray for those serving in the military, victims of human trafficking and victims of domestic abuse during this holiday season; wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and God Bless America.

Steiner – Agreed with Frederick’s remarks and reminded residents to think of those less fortunate and to be responsible and safe during the holiday season.

Hershberger – Sent her condolences to Todd Opperman’s family, reminded residents the days the Township will be closed for the holidays, wished her grandson Elijah a Happy Birthday, and wished residents a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday and a healthy, safe New Year.

Francis – Agreed with past comments, mentioned that Christmas is really about the birth of Christ and reminded those who plan to claim their taxes on their tax forms need to pay before the end of the year and that the Township also has a drop box.

Pirrone – Updated residents on snow plowing efforts, mentioned Veteran’s Committee will be presenting an update at the next meeting, wished staff and Board a Merry Christmas, and commented on monthly sewer billing vs. other services.

Tienvieri – Thanked Mr. Tisdale for his report, questioned Pirrone about the snow plowing and he responded, and requested the minutes reflect the reason why any dissenting votes are cast. Hershberger responded stating if reasons are given, they are included.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary