

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
January 2, 2018 – 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, Township Attorney

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 Pastor Bob Hinz from the Bedford Alliance Church.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the December 19, 2017 Township Board Minutes;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Expressed concern regarding the Marijuana issue.

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear – Spoke against monthly sewer billing.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR A 6:1 DEPTH TO WIDTH RATIO WAIVER PER THE LAND DIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 84, SECTION 301.000 – PARCEL NUMBER 5802-006-026-50 –

Frederick spoke to the issue. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve a 6:1 depth to width ratio waiver per the Land Division Ordinance Number 84, Section 301.000 for parcel number 5802-006-026-50. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF REMOTE RESET/TESTING STATIONS FOR THE DUCT SMOKE DETECTORS AT THE LIBRARY –

These units are being recommended as a safety precaution. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the installation of two remote reset/testing stations for the duct smoke detectors at the Bedford Library, at a cost of \$1,700.00 based on the Fire Chief's recommendation. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR CHIEF MASSINGILL TO ATTEND THE 2018 FIRE STAFF AND COMMAND PROGRAM –

Francis commented that it is quite an honor for the Chief even to be selected for this program. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the time off for Chief Massingill to attend the 2018 Fire Staff and Command Program. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CHANGE SEASONAL SUPPORT STAFF POSITION TO PART-TIME SUPPORT STAFF POSITION –

Francis spoke explaining that his request for a title change has led to the discussion of what direction his department will take once South

County Water changes over to monthly billing. Discussion followed with Board members expressing interest in hearing from South County Water on their decision and the different costs associated with it. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to table this item until the first Board meeting in February in order to gather more information. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, 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-\$61,636.99, Fire District-\$11,215.29, Police Fund-\$238.59, Park Fund-\$1,043.06, Transit System Fund-\$35,179.00, Library Operating Fund-\$3,160.79, Water Revenue Fund-12,900.00, Sandywell SAD-3,948.35, Downtown Development Authority-\$432.02, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$5,691.93, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$13,469.65, for a total of \$148,915.67. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE A PORTION OF A PARCEL FROM AG, AGRICULTURAL, TO R-3, ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ON PARCEL NUMBER 5802-010-038-12 – Frederick explained the rezoning to the Board. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner for the most easterly 1.99 acres, more or less, of vacant land on parcel number 5802-010-038-12, zoned AG, Agricultural Zoning, be divided from the current parent parcel and combined with an immediately adjacent southern parcel number 5802-010-038-50 owned by Wayne Lennard & Sons, Inc. and, the approximately 0.747 acres, plus or minus, of the easterly portion of vacant land on resulting parent parcel number 5802-010-038-12, be rezoned from AG, Agricultural Zoning, within the Samaria Village Overlay District, to R-3, Single Family Residential, within the Samaria Village Overlay District and the 0.747 acres, plus or minus, be divided from parent parcel number 5802-010-038-12 and combined with the immediately adjacent parcel number 5802-010-038-05, to the North with frontage on Samaria Road (Highway M-151). The divisions and combinations respectively shall be processed through appropriate applications under the Township Land Division Ordinance. The rezoning, divisions and combinations to be approved for the following reasons:

- a. The Township Planning Commission recommended approval;
- b. The rezoning of the 0.747 acres to R-3, Single Family Residential and combination with the immediately adjacent lot to the North complies with the intent of the Samaria Village Overlay District and eliminates a split zoned parcel;
- c. The rezoning of the 0.747 acres complies with the Master Plan for the Samaria region;
- d. The rezoning of the 0.747 acres is consistent with zoning and land uses in the area;
- e. The rezoning of the 0.747 acres combined with parcel number 5802-101-038-05 will create a buildable lot in the Samaria Overlay District;
- f. The division and combination of the easterly 1.99 acres of parent parcel number 5802-010-038-12 to the southern parcel owned by Wayne Lennard & Sons, Inc. would eliminate a land locked parcel with no frontage on a road; and,
- g. The final, resulting 2 ½ acre parent parcel 5802-010-038-12 with frontage on Jackman Road will comply with a variance granted by the Township Board of Zoning Appeals on May 1, 2017 which variance allows the 165 foot frontage and 2 ½ acres in an Agricultural Zoning District.

Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OF TWO FORD CROWN VICTORIA CARS – Pirrone stated that these two cars are not being used and he would like to put them out to bid, with a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 each. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to offer two 2008 Ford

Crown Victoria cars for sale with the notice of the sale to be placed on the Township website and in the newspapers with a minimum bid of not less than \$1500.00 each, all bids must be sealed and received within two weeks of posting, with the sale being “as is” with no warranty. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION ON THE PUBLIC POSITION ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA – Discussion followed with all board members commenting on and questioning the following: Par Plan’s position, the Federal Law, opting in vs. opting out, whether to do a survey of residents, and how other Communities are handling the issue. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to put this discussion on hold until the next board meeting. Motion failed with a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner & Tienvieri. Nays: Frederick, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Excused: None. Board members that voted against the motion expressed their desire for more time in order to research the topic. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to postpone this discussion until the first Board meeting in March. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Believes surveys can be misinterpreted and spoke against the Marijuana issue.

Hilary Dulany, business at 8955 Lewis Ave. – Spoke for allowing medical marijuana facilities in Bedford and the importance of educating people on the issue.

Carol Stephens, 7528 Wellsley – Spoke against allowing medical marijuana facilities in Bedford and feels the elected officials should know and vote how the majority of the citizens feel.

Lissa Satori, 8418 Keitha Drive – She is pro-cannabis and will provide information and packets to each Board member.

Edward Rocco, 3212 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo – Believes the Board has been given bad information and only wants to provide constituents with clean, affordable medication.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert Street – Spoke in favor of keeping the sewer billing quarterly.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clements – Apologized to Steiner for voting against his motion instead of just requesting more time, spoke on the marijuana issue and said he is against doing a survey.

Frederick – Spoke on the marijuana issue, mentioning the issue is on medical marijuana and not recreational marijuana.

Steiner – Spoke on the marijuana issue and it’s use medically.

Tienvieri – Is against doing a survey as Board members can get citizens viewpoints by talking to them and feels the Board is on the right track in making this decision.

Hershberger – Mentioned the Township will be closed on January 15th in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and wished her father, Ken Miller a Happy 89th Birthday.

Francis – Spoke on the marijuana issue and his concern for it’s recreational use not it’s medical use.

Pirrone – Also spoke to the marijuana issue and gave an update on providing snow plowing in subdivisions, and mentioned the wood poles along Lewis Avenue are being replaced with metal poles.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

