

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
January 16, 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; Adam Massingill, Bedford Township Fire Chief; Barry Buschmann and Lucie Fortin, Mannik & Smith Group

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Pastor Steve Hobbins from the Lewis Avenue Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone asked that a Presentation by F/Lt. Cuevas be added to the agenda. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the January 2, 2018 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 12/31/2017;

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: Steiner, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY F/LIEUTENANT TONY CUEVAS, MICHIGAN STATE POLICE – F/Lt. Cuevas, of the Michigan State Police

gave a power point presentation explaining to the Board some of the State Police statistical activities for 2017. He then answered questions from Board members. The Board thanked him for the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear – Spoke on the millage issue.

STAFF REPORTS

PRESENTATION OF THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2018 – Chief Massingill shared the Fire Departments 2018 goals and objectives as they relate to the 2015-2018 Strategic Plan. He then answered Board member’s questions.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR AN AUGUST 2018 BALLOT REQUEST FOR A 0.5 MIL/10-YEAR LEVY TO ADDRESS CRITICAL APPARATUS, EQUIPMENT, AND BUILDING NEEDS –Chief Massingill brought to the Board the recommendation from the Fire Advisory Board, supported by the Bedford Fire Department to have a Levy put on the August 2018 Ballot. He explained some of the critical equipment needs. Discussion followed with questions as to whether to include building needs. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Francis to direct Counsel to prepare sample ballot language for a 0.5 mil Levy for 10 years to be used for equipment and maintenance of said equipment in one form and a second one to include equipment, maintenance of said equipment, and building needs; these are to be brought back to the Board for a decision at their next meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None.

Frederick asked Chief Massingill to bring the current Strategic Plan for equipment replacement to the next Board meeting so the Board can see why each item needs to be replaced and the projected order.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO COORDINATE WITH SOUTH COUNTY WATER SYSTEM AND CHANGE THE SEWER USAGE BILLING CYCLE FROM QUARTERLY TO MONTHLY – Francis requested approval to switch from quarterly to monthly sewer usage billing cycle in order to make it more convenient for Bedford sewer customers, help reduce delinquencies, and to continue to be on the same billing cycle as South County Water System, which is switching to monthly billing. Motion by Francis, seconded by Hershberger for approval to coordinate with South County Water System and switch from quarterly to monthly sewer billing beginning in March 2018. Motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis & Hershberger. Nays: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, & Pirrone. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION TO REACTIVATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – Pirrone would like to put together a packet on this item and present it to the Board at a future 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-\$54,426.92, Fire District-\$12,866.65, Police Fund-\$242.38, Park Fund-\$7,857.29, Library Operating Fund-\$5,723.91, Water Revenue Fund-\$530.00, Rehabilitation Fund-\$33.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,146.15, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$13,877.67, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$538.00 for a total of \$97,241.97. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR A STREET LENGTH VARIANCE ON RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PARCEL PER THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE, SECTION 250.0800, STREETS, DRIVEWAYS, PARKING LOTS, AND SIDEWALKS – Frederick explained the variance situation to the Board. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to approve, pursuant to Ordinance 65, Article X, Section 250.1000, the variance from Section 250.801(1)(i) street length of a cul-de-sac, and permit an approximately 950 foot boulevard type cul-de-sac in Apple Creek Estate, a Planned Unit Development, located on Jackman Road, provided said boulevard type cul-de-sac shall be constructed as set forth in the application for the variance, for the following reasons:

1. The Bedford Township Fire Department has no objection to the length variance provided the cul-de-sac is constructed as set forth in the application for the variance;
2. Extensive wet-lands on the property severely limits design options for the property and strict enforcement of the standards would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the property;
3. The variance will permit a less dense use of the property than the original design;
4. The variance is the minimum variance required for the highest and best use of the property;
5. Granting the variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or be injurious to adjacent property;
6. The intended use of the property is consistent with the Township Master Plan;
7. The intended use of the property is consistent with adjoining uses.

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATION FOR DOWNTOWN TEMPERANCE – Buschmann, Mannik and Smith spoke to some of the projects ideas for Downtown Temperance, to the importance of moving quickly due to deadlines, and the idea of working with a steering committee. Motion by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the Contract with Mannik/Smith Group, not to exceed \$4,800.00 to begin work on the preparation application for the TAP grant. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED AGREEMENT REGARDING EASEMENT AND PAYMENT FROM CONSUMER ENERGY COMPANY – Goldsmith advised the Board to defer action on this until the next meeting so he has a chance to talk to Consumer Energy. Motion by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to

table this agenda item regarding Consumer Energy until the February 6, 2018 meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Tienvieri, Steiner, Frederick, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SNOW PLOW BLADE FOR THE 2002 F-250 FORD MAINTENANCE TRUCK – Pirrone spoke, stating this truck is no longer used by the Fire Department, so by installing a snow plow to it, it could be used to help with snow removal. Discussion followed. Frederick asked Pirrone for a short, written proposal on his snow plowing plan to be given at the next meeting. Motion by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the quotation from Kalida Truck Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a nine-foot snow plow for a total of \$5,997.00 per their quote. Steiner's friendly amendment to have Kalida Truck, Inc. do a final review to ensure this weight rating is compatible for this particular truck, was accepted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A SNOW PLOW REPLACEMENT BLADE FOR THE 1995 F-350 FORD MAINTENANCE TRUCK – Pirrone stated this is a replacement blade and would also be used to assist in snow plowing subdivisions. Motion by Tienvieri, seconded by Frederick to approve the purchase and installation of the Kalida Truck, Inc. snow plow and snow deflector at a cost not to exceed \$6,778.00 per their quote. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Tienvieri, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Spoke on the Monroe County Sheriff's contract.

Dean Ansel, 2005 Center Drive – Had questions for Lt. Cuevas and expressed support for the Bedford Fire Department.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert Street – Expressed support for the Fire Department and questioned the legality of the 9 foot size of the snow plow approved for the F-250.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – She felt the booklet the Ordinance Department is working on is excellent, sees a need to revamp the Sidewalk Shoveling Ordinance, and thanked Lt. Cuevas for clearing up many questions and for his presentation.

Clements – None.

Frederick – He stated he felt the Sidewalk Shoveling Ordinance is unclear, and spoke to recent developments with the Federal Government regarding Medical Marijuana. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to rescind his previous motion from the January 2, 2018 Board meeting to put the Medical Marijuana issue on the first meeting in March and substitute it to bring the issue back on the first Board meeting in February instead. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None. Frederick then gave a packet of relevant information on the subject to the Clerk to be available for all Board members to read.

Steiner – He thanked Lt. Cuevas for his presentation, spoke strongly in support of the Fire Department, and mentioned he feels the Board needs to approve the Ordinance booklet before it gets distributed.

Francis – None.

Hershberger – None.

Pirrone – He thanked Lt. Cuevas and Chief Massingill for their time and shared information on Human and Sex Trafficking.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

