

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
February 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

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

EXCUSED: Trudy Hershberger, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney

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 Rev. Patrick England from the Lambertville United Methodist Church. Hershberger is excused from the meeting, due to illness.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following item for approval:

Approval of the January 16, 2018 Township Board Minutes;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nate Elarton, 1040 W. Temperance – Urged the Board to opt out of allowing marijuana dispensaries in Bedford.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine - Asked the Board to opt out of allowing marijuana facilities in Bedford.

Dave Gaunt, 1251 Brandywine – Spoke in favor of opting out of allowing marijuana facilities in Bedford.

STAFF REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISED AGREEMENT REGARDING EASEMENT AND PAYMENT FROM CONSUMER ENERGY COMPANY – Goldsmith explained this agreement would narrow and move the current easement in Jamie Park, located in the platted subdivision of Kimberly Oaks, which would benefit the current residents in the area. Motion by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the agreement regarding the Easement on Jackman #1 – Samaria 292141256, as the Township Attorney has reviewed it and recommended it for approval. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR AN AUGUST 2018 BALLOT REQUEST FOR A 0.5 MIL/10-YEAR LEVY FOR THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT – Francis explained two ballots were prepared, they both include fire equipment, vehicles, and apparatus; one also includes building needs and repairs. Discussion followed as to which proposal was preferred. Tienvieri requested a Committee of the Whole meeting for the Board to discuss what other millage might be needed and the scheduling of any future millage. Motion by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the resolution for an August 2018 Ballot Proposal for a 0.5 mil/10-year levy for the Bedford Fire Department for acquiring and maintaining Fire Department equipment, vehicles, and apparatus. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Steiner, Frederick, Tienvieri, Clements, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION REGARDING MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES AUTHORIZED BY PA 281 OF 2016 – Lengthy discussion ensued with Board members agreeing they were not against marijuana for medical use and their decision is being made after reviewing much research and listening to Township residents. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Francis to approve the resolution regarding medical marihuana facilities in which Bedford Township declines to adopt an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities within Bedford Township as authorized by PA 281 of 2016, and by adoption of this resolution, a marihuana facility shall not operate in Bedford Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, and Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$95,958.14, Fire District-\$30,019.26, Police Fund-\$1,222.99, Park Fund-\$1,090.38, Transit System Fund-\$18,102.50, Library Operating Fund-\$5,603.58, Economic Dev. Corp. Fund-\$325.00, Water Revenue Fund-\$7,000.00, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$416.50, Downtown Development Authority-\$181,250.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$79,451.67, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$3,252.80 for a total of \$423,692.82. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Steiner, Frederick, Clements, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MCRC ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE INDIAN ACRES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the road improvement contract for the Indian Acres Special Assessment District with the Monroe County Road Commission and will be levied on the 2018 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MCRC ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE MOHAWK TRAILS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Mohawk Trails Special Assessment District contract with the Monroe County Road Commission which will be levied on the 2018 tax roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A “COMPLETE STREETS” POLICY – Francis explained this was part of the Township Master Plan, but was never formally adopted and by having this Complete Streets Policy, the Board will support safe and convenient access for all types of transportation and users and promote connectivity throughout Bedford. He further explained that the approval of this resolution would enhance the Township’s chances of getting a TAP grant from SEMCOG. Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution supporting a Complete Streets Policy, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA VEHICLE WITH A VIN NUMBER ENDING 0631 – Francis explained only one bid was received for \$2,000.00. No bid was received for the second car, so it will be rebid on the website again. Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements to accept the bid from Harold Adoline in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the sale of the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DISBAND THE VETERAN’S COMMITTEE – Pirrone spoke, thanking the Committee members for all the work they have done. He explained the Committee wants to do more, but is limited by being a Township Committee. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Clements to disband the Township Veteran’s Committee and thank all of those who have served during this time and for their good work. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Clements, Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SCRAP THE WRECKED FORD EXPLORER POLICE VEHICLE –

Pirrone explained this Police vehicle was wrecked in an accident and bought back by the Township at a minimal amount for parts; he would now like to scrap it as storage has become an issue. Motion by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve scrapping of the wrecked 2013 Ford Explorer Police vehicle. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Clements, Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: Hershberger.

DISCUSSION OF SEASONAL EMPLOYEES – Tienvieri is interested in the Board determining a definition of what a “seasonal” employee is, to have a designation of what the seasons are, and have a procedure on how the hiring of a seasonal employee is handled, as the personnel manual contains an incomplete description. Discussion followed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Nate Elarton, 1040 W. Temperance – He is proud to be a citizen of Bedford Township.
Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the Monroe County Sheriff’s summary report and spoke in favor of the Fire Department millage.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clements – Spoke on the medical marijuana issue and the support venues for those in need in our community, congratulated Fitzgerald and the Veteran’s Committee on the work they have done, and expressed his support to all the men and women who have served in our Armed Forces.

Steiner – Thanked the Veteran’s Committee for their work and the men and women who have served, spoke about the Fleet card program, and suggested a document be put together with millage information.

Frederick – Spoke on an ad hoc committee he is part of which is looking into the Monroe County Sheriff’s contract and about the Toledo Area Water Authority.

Francis – Reminded residents they need to pay their property taxes by February 14th to avoid a penalty, and gave an update from the Road Committee.

Pirrone – Thanked the Sheriff’s Department for the ALICE training they provided to the Township employees, spoke about possible ways to save money at the Library, reported he received some free LED lightbulbs for the Township building, he met with the new school superintendent, gave an update on Senior Center meetings, reported on snow plowing, and congratulated the newly formed Veteran’s Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary