

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
February 20, 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 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, a Prayer by Chuck Marckel from Northwest Christian Church, and a moment of silence to remember the victims of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and for Natalie Hixon, a Bedford Junior High teacher who lost her brother in this shooting.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval;
Approval of the February 6, 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 January 31, 2018;
Approval to appoint Harry Lambers to the Library Advisory Board for a 1st term ending 12/31/2020;
Acceptance of the resignation of Sheila Dowgiert from the Downtown Development Authority, effective immediately;
Approval to appoint Tom Zybeck as the Planning Commission Representative to the Board of Zoning Appeals;
Approval to appoint Krista Jandasek to the Grant and Loan Committee for a 3rd term ending 12/31/2019;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY DAMON CECIL, BEDFORD TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE SUPERVISOR – Cecil explained that the Ordinance Department is currently trying to educate people on what the Department does, is working on changing some of the current ordinances, and is implementing a few new programs.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN TEMPERANCE TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (TAP) APPLICATION – Fortin spoke explaining the improvements the TAP grant would provide. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements, to adopt the Resolution of support of the Downtown Temperance Transportation Alternative Program application as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR PC'S FROM IT RIGHT FOR THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT – Hershberger explained there are still four computers used by the Fire Department which are not supported by our current system and therefore pose a security risk for the protection of Fire

Department records. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner, to approve the purchase of four mid-range PC's listed to the specs by IT Right and the addition of eight monitors not to exceed a purchase price of \$5,500.00. A friendly amendment by Hershberger was accepted to include Microsoft office software in the purchase. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A DUTCH DOOR FOR THE ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

Cecil explained this door is needed in order to provide for the safety and security of his department. Tienvieri was not in favor of this door because she sees other alternatives and feels the cost is excessive. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements, to approve the purchase of a Dutch door as described in the quote from Tanner Supply Co. for the Ordinance Department at a total cost of \$1,400.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR RE-APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NUMBER 5802-034-001-10 (SW CORNER OF LEWIS AVENUE AND FIRECREEK COURT) FROM RT, TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, TO C-1, LOCAL BUSINESS

– Because this ordinance amendment was never forwarded to the Clerk, it did not get published and therefore must come back to the Board to be reapproved. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri, to re-approve the request to rezone parcel number 5802-034-001-10 from RT (two family residential) to C-1 (local commercial) for the following reasons: the rezoning is consistent with the Master Plan, the rezoning is reasonably consistent with the area uses along Lewis Avenue, and the Township Planning Commission and the Monroe County Planning Commission approved the rezoning. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION OF TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT – Frederick spoke on some language changes he thought could be made to the personal policy regarding this matter. Discussion followed. Frederick will continue to work on this issue and bring it back to the next 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-\$185,453.83, Fire District-\$9,155.26, Police Fund-\$97,499.36, Park Fund-\$698.49, Library Operating Fund-\$4,291.43, Water Revenue Fund-\$37.15, Indian Acres SAD-\$758.75, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$1,103.50, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,300.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$698.10, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$138.00 for a total of \$301,133.87. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

REQUEST FOR FINAL PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAGE MEADOWS PLAT III AND IV

Motion by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the final preliminary plat for Village Meadows Plats III & IV on parcel no. 5802-014-067-02, located on Temperance Road, east of Lewis Avenue, conditioned upon satisfaction of all comments in letters from the Mannik & Smith Group, Monroe County Road Commission, Monroe County Drain Commission and the Bedford Fire Department, securing necessary permits from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and deed restrictions, if any, submitted to Township Counsel for review and approval. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST TO WAIVE THE SITE PLAN AND BZA FEES FOR IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED TO THE BEDFORD O & M (WATER WASTE) TREATMENT PLANT LOCATED ON LAVOY ROAD

– Frederick mentioned that by charging this fee Bedford Township would essentially be charging itself. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Clements to approve the request to waive the site plan fee of \$1,500.00 and the BZA fee of \$275.00 for improvements proposed for the Township Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF VARIOUS MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS FOR THE 2018-2019 CONSTRUCTION SEASON – Francis explained the cost and work to be done on each contract. Motion by Francis, seconded by Steiner, to approve the MCRC contract for Monroe Road, from Sterns to Summerfield, at a Township cost of \$169,609.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements, to approve the MCRC contract for Crabb Road, from Erie to Samaria, at a Township cost of \$376,758.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements, to approve the MCRC contract for Dean Road, from Crabb to Minx, at a Township cost of \$13,748.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Steiner, to approve the MCRC contract for Douglas Road, from Samaria to Erie, at a Township cost of \$361,645.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements, to approve the MCRC contract for Piehl Road, from Summerfield to West Township Line, at a Township cost of \$5,687.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Motion by Francis, seconded by Clements, to approve the MCRC contract for Rauch Road, from Secor to Lewis, at a Township cost of \$20,606.00 as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE BEDFORD SENIOR CENTER – Pirrone mentioned this has been approved each year for many years. Motion by Frederick, seconded by Clements to make a \$12,500.00 contribution to the operation of the Bedford Senior Center in support of the Bedford Township citizens. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION OF THE ROAD COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING FINANCING A PACKAGE OF VARIOUS ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BY THE SALE OF BONDS – Francis brought to the Board the idea of financing a package of various road maintenance and improvement projects either by the sale of bonds or by bank financing. Discussion followed and the consensus of the Board was for Francis to proceed with investigating these options and bring the information back to a future meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine-spoke to the issue of trust and the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Barry Buschmann, 3480 Shadywood-informed the Board of the 3rd Annual Municipal Planning & Zoning Seminar which will be held on March 21, 2018 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Old Mill in Dundee.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert Street-spoke about the stop signs at Consear and Secor and about the idea of bike lanes on Lewis Avenue.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel-spoke about a millage package.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Steiner – Applauded Pirrone on the snowplowing effort, would like to know the total cost per parcel of snowplowing so residents could realize how small that number really is, and would like to contact IT Right to get their opinion on using Skype for the Township phones.

Frederick – Questioned Chief Massingill on whether lists of chemicals used by Companies are provided to the Fire Department, Massingill answered his questions and mentioned it is difficult to get these lists from home businesses.

Clements - Wanted to thank Officer Cecil for the work he's done on the Emergency Preparedness for the Townhall.

Francis - Reminded residents of the tax deadline and suggested they call his department if they are delinquent, as help is available.

Hershberger – Mentioned Mohawk Trails and Indian Acres SAD contracts were signed and their road projects are moving forward this Spring and should be completed by Fall.

Pirrone – Mentioned the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee is meeting Thursday to discuss their vision and the TAP grant, mentioned he went to a Sexual Harassment Conference at TEMCOG, felt the snowplowing program was successful but still has some kinks to work out, and mentioned that the board meeting was not on Facebook live tonight, instead residents should click on the YouTube link to watch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary