

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
March 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: Fire Chief Adam Massingill and State Representative Jason Sheppard.

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 Moment of Silence for the students shot today in Maryland and Prayer by Josh Rozek, of Bedford Alliance Church.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE MILDRED AVENUE PUBLIC ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the Public Hearing to request approval of a Resolution to establish the Mildred Avenue Road Improvement Special Assessment District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

No one came forward to speak.

Motion was made by Clements seconded by Steiner to close the Public Hearing to request the approval of a Resolution to establish the Mildred Avenue Road Improvement Special Assessment District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone.

Hershberger spoke, stating this is the first of two public hearings and that there are 36 parcels in the proposed district. As of today, 52% of the lot owners have signed the petition representing 55% of the land area. The total cost of the project will be \$5,200.00 per parcel and can be financed over a 10-year period. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the establishment of the Mildred Avenue Road Improvement Special Assessment District as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the agenda with the omission of 6C-Request for approval of a Cost Recovery Ordinance and 8B-Request for Approval of an Engine Brake Ordinance, and to move item 8E- Request for Approval of the Resolution to Support House Bill 5517 before the 4A-Presentation. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the March 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 2/28/2018;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE JASON SHEPPARD ON HOUSE BILL 5517 AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 5517 – State Representative Jason Sheppard outlined Bill 5517 which would completely change Michigan’s Automotive Insurance System and cut Michigan’s auto insurance rates in half. Motion was made by Clements, seconded

by Steiner to affirm and support the presented Resolution to support State Representative Jason Sheppard in House Bill 5517 which he introduced to eliminate Michigan's automobile no-fault insurance system. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PRESENTATION BY TIM CSURGO, MONROE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION, PATRICK MCGOW, BOND ATTORNEY FROM MILLER CANFIELD, AND KARI BLANCHETT, FINANCIAL ADVISOR FROM PFM ON THE PROPOSED FINANCING THROUGH MONROE COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP'S SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM – Csurgo, McGow, and Blanchett explained the improvements and repairs which need to be made and the financing of these improvements. They stated the project would be financed through the issuance of Bonds by the County. The bonds would be sold through the State Revolving Fund program with a 2% interest rate for 20 years for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNTY ASSISTANCE ON THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM PROJECT – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the Preliminary Resolution Requesting County Assistance on the Sewage Disposal System Project as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACT 342 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the Monroe County Sewage Disposal System (Bedford Township System Number 7), Series 2018 Contract as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ACT 342 CONTRACT AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE – Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the Resolution approving the Act 342 Contract and Publication of Notice that is required, as presented. A friendly amendment was added to state the Clerk will determine the best newspaper in which to publish in with regard to timing and price. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the Monroe County Sheriff's Contract Summary Report.
Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel Lane – thanked the Board for their unanimous vote supporting House Bill 5517 sponsored by Jason Sheppard.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RESTRUCTURE THE FIRE PREVENTION/INVESTIGATION DIVISION WITHIN THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT – Massingill explained to the Board how he would like to restructure the Fire Prevention Division of the Fire Department. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve Chief Massingill's request to restructure the Fire Prevention/Investigation Division within the Bedford Township Fire Department, as described in the 2015 International Fire Code, so as to accomplish the following:

- Formalize the appointment of Chief Massingill as the Fire Code Official, and thereby affirm his authority under the provisions of the 2015 International Fire Code to appoint Deputy Code Officials, Inspectors, and Technical Officers as needed, for the function of implementation, administration, and enforcement of the provisions of the 2015 International Fire Code.
- Assign to the Fire Chief the additional duties, roles, and responsibilities of Fire Marshal (to take full effect upon the retirement of Fire Marshal Ron Whipple, which we anticipate will be in June, 2018).

- Create the full-time position of Fire Inspector/Investigator, which will eventually replace the full-time Fire Marshal position. The Fire Marshal position will be eliminated upon the retirement of Fire Marshal Ron Whipple.
- To affirm the Fire Code Official has the authority to appoint volunteer inspectors and investigators and other technical Officers.

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

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE A FULL-TIME FIRE INSPECTOR-INVESTIGATOR POSITION

Massingill explained he conducted an internal search for this position and recommends the position of full-time Fire Inspector-Investigator be offered to Captain Doug Steinman at an annual salary of \$50,000 plus benefits. In order to make for a smooth transition, he would like for the offer to be effective as soon as possible. Discussion followed in regards to the starting salary. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to accept the recommendation for Captain Doug Steinman to be appointed full-time to the Fire Inspector/Investigator position and recommending a starting wage of \$55,000.00 plus all other employee benefits that would be ascribed to someone in that position with Bedford Township. A friendly amendment was accepted stating it would be effective immediately. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION OF THE SALE OF THE 1996 MINI-PUMPER – Massingill mentioned the Fire Department is still accepting offers on the 1996 mini-pumper and recently there have been some inquires.

OLD BUSINESS

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-\$263,945.51, Fire District-\$59,188.01, Police Fund-\$2,336.45, Park Fund-\$77.34, Transit System Fund-\$17,520.50, Library Operating Fund-\$5,421.70, Water Revenue Fund-\$3,700.00, Enchanted Forest SAD-\$94,285.00, Ind+ian Acres SAD-\$505.75, Mohawk Trails SAD-\$565.25, Green Hills & Other SAD-\$140,500.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony/Etc. SAD-\$38,858.75, Downtown Development Authority-\$168.56, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$253.87, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$138.00, for a total of \$627,464.69. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF THE 2000 FORD RANGER – Pirrone explained this truck is no longer being used. He recommends the Board sell the truck through the bid process with a starting bid of \$3,500.00. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to put the 2000 Ford Ranger up for bid through the newspapers and on our website at a minimum bid of \$3,500.00. 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 REDUCE THE MINIMUM STARTING BID ON THE 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA –Pirrone would like to reduce the minimum bid on this car as it has already been bid out twice with a minimum bid of \$1,500.00 and has not received any bids. Motion was made by Steiner seconded by Tienvieri to reduce the minimum bid on the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria to \$1,000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke about the Monroe County Sheriff contract.

Tim Janney, 3818 Consear Road – expressed his disappointment in the Board for the starting salary of the new Fire Inspector-Investigator position.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel Lane – he would like the Board to get Tisdale the answers he is seeking.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Frederick – Asked that Sue Soda the Director of Ivor Lindsay who is retiring, be invited to a Board meeting to be honored and he would like an update on where the Finance Committee is on the Township budget.

Steiner – Thanked Massingill for the excellent job he has done in his first year as Fire Chief; he had to miss the last meeting due to work travel but mentioned he would have voted with the Board to approve the purchase of the Fire Truck; that he received phone calls from residents regarding the Boards conduct at the last meeting; and he thanked Rep. Sheppard for his work on the auto insurance bill.

Tienvieri – With regard to the salary for the Fire Inspector-Investigator, in her opinion, people need to be paid for their value and she has no qualms about this, and she requested a report be brought to the next meeting on what the committee which has submitted questions to the Sheriff's Department is doing.

Clements - Acknowledged it was Mr. Track's idea for the Board to support Rep. Sheppard's auto insurance bill and mentioned that this is a good example of the citizen's participation which he talks about.

Francis – Mentioned an ad hoc committee has submitted questions to the Sheriff's Department seeking answers to help the Board understand what their interpretation of their contract with the Township is verses what the Board's interpretation is, and he gave a brief update on the progress of the budget.

Hershberger – Attended Clerk Institute last week and the topics discussed were: changes in communities, financing local Government services, effective meeting techniques, an election update, implementing new election equipment, community education through media and community relations, strategic planning processes, becoming a superior communicator, presentation skills, accountability, and tactical planning. She mentioned she has already implemented a program called Trello which helps organize and prioritize tasks, is working with the Communication/Media Committee to brainstorm ideas for a video promoting Bedford, and she wished her mom a Happy 88th Birthday.

Pirrone – Spoke about the upcoming Bike Ride in May with financial support from TMACOG, acknowledged the long hours Al Prieur has been putting in, said "Light it Up Blue for Autism" would be held on April 2nd, mentioned he was able to speak with many Bedford citizens at the Trade Fair, reported the Veteran's Center grand opening was well attended, and that he attended Career Day today at Jackman Road Elementary.

Tienvieri – Applauded Hershberger for going to the training for Certified Municipal Clerks; she mentioned the Clerk's department is the toughest job in the Township and a trained Clerk is invaluable.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary