

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
April 17, 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

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 which was led by YM SGTMAJ Robert Brushaber and Prayer led by Craig Killinen, from Bridgepoint Church.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

Jeff Chandler, 690 Mildred Ave – asked if there were any changes to the information received at their informational meeting. Hershberger assured him there was not.

Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to close the Public Hearing to request the approval of a Resolution to establish the Mildred Avenue Road Special Assessment District Roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Hershberger spoke, stating this is the second of two Public Hearings and will set the roll. The assessment will be for 10 years with a 3.25 % interest rate at a cost of \$5,200.00 per parcel.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the second public hearing for Mildred Avenue Road Improvement Special Assessment District Roll, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SPRINGBROOK SUBDIVISION PUBLIC ROAD MAINTENANCE DISTRICT – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to open the Public Hearing to request approval of a Resolution to establish Springbrook Subdivision Public Road Maintenance District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

No one came forward to speak.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to close the Public Hearing to request the approval of a Resolution to establish Springbrook Subdivision Public Road Maintenance District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Hershberger spoke, stating that this is the first Public Hearing for the Springbrook Subdivision SAD and that 61% of the property owners in the proposed district have signed the petition which represents 61% of the land area.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the first public hearing for the Springbrook Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment District, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda with the removal of item 4B, a Presentation by Sen. Zorn to honor Sue Soda and the addition of item 8C, a request for approval of a Monroe County Road Commission Road Improvement Contract for Jackman Road from Samaria to Rauch Road. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Clements, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the April 3, 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 March 31, 2018;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PRESENTATION HONORING YM SGTMAJ ROBERT BRUSHABER – State Representative Jason Sheppard read the Resolution honoring Young Marine Sergeant Major Robert Brushaber for his dedication, work ethic, and commitment in the Young Marines Program. Brushaber spoke about the teamwork, leadership, and discipline he has learned from the program and gave thanks to various people.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE FIGHTERS – Hershberger swore in the following Firefighters and a special family member pinned each of them:

Kathy Bankowski as Captain, Jim Lykowski as Captain, Rod Hill as Lieutenant, Brian Tenney as Lieutenant, and Chris Finn as Lieutenant.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Commended Brushaber and the Fire Fighters for their service to our country and community.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A TV FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING – Massingill explained that this television would be used for the EMT training program. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to approve the request of the Fire Department to purchase the 70” Vizio Smart television at Costco for no more than \$1,100.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REPORT ON LADDER TRUCK REPAIRS – Due to a catastrophic failure, the current ladder truck is once again out of commission. Massingill explained that since the estimated cost to repair the truck would be \$40,000.00 and the truck is outdated (26 years old), he did not feel it would be in the Township’s best interest to go ahead with the repairs. Since the new apparatus truck will not be delivered for many months, he has alerted other Fire Departments of our need for mutual aid and is also having the firefighters brush up on their training on ground ladders.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR REAPPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY BRAKE ORDINANCE – NO. 99 WITH A WORDING CHANGE – Pirrone explained that this revision needs to be made because the original ordinance included the words “Jake Brake” which is an infringement on a Company name. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the revised Bedford Township Ordinance No. 99, Emergency Brake Ordinance with a wording change, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Francis, 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-\$81,699.42, Fire District-\$8,385.41, Police Fund-\$1,412.56, Park Fund-\$1,121.63, Library Operating Fund-\$8,568.27, Downtown Development Authority-\$394.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$400,958.62, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$9,017.90 for a total of \$511,557.81. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR CRABB ROAD, US 24 TO STERNS ROAD – Francis explained this work is to finish the project that was started last year. Since these monies will come out of the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget, Frederick questioned whether it would be best to wait until the budget was approved. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the MCRC contract for Crabb Road, from US 24 to Sterns Road at a Township cost of \$438,100.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None. Frederick voted aye only because the Supervisor assured him the Township had enough money to cover this.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR JACKMAN ROAD, SAMARIA TO RAUCH ROAD – Francis explained that since a previously approved contract with the MCRC for Crabb Road, from Erie to Samaria had to be cancelled, that this road improvement could move up on the list of roads to be fixed and take its place. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the MCRC contract for Jackman Road, from Samaria to Rauch Road at a Township cost of \$379,575.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rex Crigger, 8663 Whiteford Center – spoke against intimidation and for respect of others.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – feels any agency should be open to scrutiny and he has a right to voice his concerns.

Cindy Andrews, 11120 Douglas Road – questioned when Douglas Road between M151 and Rauch Road might be worked on and explained the condition it is in.

Daryl Andrews, 11120 Douglas Road – explained the drainage problems near his home and asked if at least the drainage issues could be addressed.

Greg Skiver, 1520 Meadowbrook Way – spoke to road issues and asked for mutual respect for everyone.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clements – Congratulated YM SGTMAJ Brushaber on his accomplishments and mentioned the impact he is having on other young students, congratulated the Firefighters who received promotions, and apologized to the members and families of the Sheriff Department for what they have had to endure for over a year because of this boards inability to reach a conclusion.

Tienvieri – Commended Brushaber on being an outstanding young man and a pride for our community, is happy to see continued leadership and growth in the fire department and asked if any board member was attending the upcoming MTA conference and if they were bringing their spouse.

Frederick – Appreciates all the work Brushaber put in, thanked the firefighters for all their effort, again asked if the Monroe County Drain Commission could come to a meeting to speak to the Toledo Area Water Authority issue, and mentioned he is hoping Thursday COW meeting will bring some conclusion to the Sheriff/police issue.

Steiner – Recognized Brushaber accomplishment, mentioned he is a strong proponent of the Fire Department and Police Department, agrees people need to show each other respect, applauds the Fire Chief for making the hard decision on the Ladder Truck, and is looking forward to bringing the police issue to a close.

Francis – Reminded residents that they had less than three hours to file their income taxes and spoke to the Thursday night COW meeting.

Hershberger – Responded to a resident’s SAD question, congratulated Brushaber and the Firefighters who received promotions, and addressed accusations made against her at the last meeting stating she followed the state law in filling a FOIA request and that she didn’t threatened anyone, she simply answered a question that was asked. She also announced the dates for a Buckeye educational class being held for Township residents, asked residents to be respectful of the Adopt-A- Road volunteers who will be cleaning the road sides this weekend, mentioned she went to the High School to register the senior class, and congratulated her parents, Ken and Daisy Miller on their 70th Wedding Anniversary.

Pirrone – Thanked all the Adopt-A-Road volunteers, mentioned the Drain Commissioner could not attend tonight’s meeting due to the flooding problems in Monroe, announced the next Townhall meeting will be on what the Senior’s would like in a Senior Center, spoke about the May 19th Bike Ride and Leadership Monroe, addressed road complaints, mentioned he is teaching a class for the Jr. Achievement Program, and spoke to the Sheriff/Police Department issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary