

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
May 15, 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

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 led by Pastor Steve Hobbins from the Lewis Avenue Baptist Church.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

Hershberger explained that this SAD is a little different than most because there are three separate sections, each paying a different amount and that all the details have been explained to the residents at their meetings. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Resolution to establish Springbrook Subdivision Road Special Assessment District Roll, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR SUNRISE WINDOWS, LLC – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to open the Public Hearing to approve a Resolution to approve the application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Sunrise Windows, LLC. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Rob Zawtocky, VP of Operations for Sunrise Window, LLC spoke giving a brief history of Sunrise Windows and stating their mission is to grow here in Bedford. They plan to relocate their Toledo operations to Bedford and to have further growth in the near future.

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

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate for Sunrise Windows, LLC located at 200 Enterprise Drive, Temperance, MI at 50% for a 12-year tax abatement on Real Property totaling \$3,400,000.00 resulting in 260 retained jobs and the creation of 90 jobs within two years of completion of the project, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Frederick & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda with the following changes: under Presentations, an update by Tim Lake and Al Prieur on the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee and on the Consent Agenda to remove 3D, the appointment of Stephanie Kasprzak to the Grant and Loan Committee and replace it with a Resolution honoring Fred Krumm. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: 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 May 1, 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 April 30, 2018;

Approval of a Resolution Congratulating Fred Krumm, a Bedford Centenarian.

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

UPDATE BY THE LEWIS AVENUE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Lake and Prieur explained they are working on a business plan for the corridor and hope to bring something back to the Board soon.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the issue of additional deputies in the school.

**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-\$166,808.74, Fire District-\$5,799.72, Police Fund-\$95,750.91, Park Fund-\$2,908.55, Library Operating Fund-\$5,042.91, Downtown Development Authority-\$962.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,929.99, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$763.00 for a total of \$279,966.32. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR A CHANGE IN THE STANDARD LIGHTING CONTRACT WITH CONSUMERS ENERGY – Hershberger explained this is the second set of streetlight changes from Consumers Energy with most of these current changes being in subdivisions and that these changes will allow the Township to save even more money on its electric bill. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to authorize Consumers Energy to change the Standard Lighting Contract for streetlight replacement in Bedford Township, 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 COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE – Goldsmith and Massingill explained this Ordinance and the reasons behind it. Discussion and questions followed. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to postpone further work on this Cost Recovery Ordinance until the next regular meeting of the Township Board, at which time the Schedule of Fees could also be reviewed. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION ON SHARING THE COST OF A DEPUTY WITH BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Dr. Carl Shultz, Superintendent Bedford Public Schools and Chief Deputy Jeff Pauli explained the reasons

for hiring a Second Resource Officer (SRO) and how the agreement would work. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Frederick to enter into a contract with the Bedford Public Schools to share the cost of a Sheriff's Deputy, with the Township's cost not to exceed \$42,000.00 annually and with the understanding that the Deputy will be used on school premises during school functions/hours and when functions are not, and work hours exist, the Deputy will serve Bedford Township. Furthermore, the contract would begin July 1, 2018 and terminate June 30, 2020 so as not to bind the hand of a future board, with a 90 day opt out clause and a letter of understanding from the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE FOR TOM REDMOND – Ordinance Supervisor Cecil, explained that Redmond's pay was never adjusted when he went from temporary to part-time status and that this would bring his pay to the Township's part-time rate. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to increase Officer Redmond's pay to \$19.38 per hour effective immediately. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE HOURLY RATE FOR KELLY ELMER – Assessing Supervisor Alan Matlow informed the Board that Elmer has completed the program to become a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Francis to give Kelly Elmer a \$2.00 an hour raise effective July 1, 2018. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Francis, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO BID OUT THE TOWNSHIP AUDITING SERVICES – At the Budget meetings, board members asked to have professional services bid out and Hershberger was asked to present this at a Board meeting. Discussion followed with questions as to the wording of the bid document. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Frederick to table this agenda item until the next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

DISCUSSION ON CONTRACTS – The Board agreed it would be a good idea to regularly review all contracts and maybe set a termination date on future contracts as a trigger.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke on the issue of Deputy's hours and the Sheriff's contract.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – handed each board member a document of a formal complaint she has filed alleging a certain board member and their designee have engaged in unethical practices.

#### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – Thanked Tisdale for his comments, thanked Hershberger for her work on the auditing RFP, mentioned she hoped all the board members attend the County MTA quarterly meeting as it can be very informative, and asked for an update on the meetings regarding the wording changes to the Sheriff's contract.

Steiner – mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bedford Bike Cruise is planned for May 19<sup>th</sup> with all the proceeds being donated to the Senior send-off and girls' soccer program.

Clements – appreciates the work being done on the Cost Recovery Ordinance and would like the Supervisor to address the round-about story which appeared in the paper.

Hershberger – informed the residents that mosquito dunks are available at the Township Hall, the absentee voter applications will be mailed out in the next few weeks, the Newsletter will be an insert in the June 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bedford Press, and wished her grandson Gabriel a happy 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pirrone – will get information on the roundabout and bring it back to the board, mentioned he graduated from the Leadership Monroe program, spoke to drainage issues, reported the meeting regarding the Sheriff’s contract went well, said the Monroe County Health Department is responsible for swapping out the recycling bins on Tuesdays, is partnering with ISD for different job opportunities and mentioned a Park Board position may be vacant due to a member’s recent resignation. Discussion followed regarding how the board should appoint this new member. Pirrone then spoke to road improvements and the budget.

Tienvieri – brought up the recent Spring clean-up and mentioned that due to the high cost associated with it that some limits should be set for it going forward.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary