

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 5, 2019 - 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; Dave Manning, Township Finance Director; Adam Massingill, Bedford Fire Chief

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 Greg Withrow, Assembly of Christians Church.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the Public Hearing to approve the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: 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. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Manning explained some budget numbers. Tienvieri mentioned she would like to see a different approach to the budget policy in the future. Discussion followed with Board members expressing some concern with the Rainy-day fund balance and spoke to the issue of budget cuts. Pirrone responded that each department had already made adequate cuts. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to approve the budget for the fiscal year 2018/2019 in the General Fund Appropriations Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2018-2019 SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the Public Hearing to approve the 2018-2019 Special Funds Budget. 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.

Manning explained what the Special Funds included and reviewed the numbers. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to approve the Special Revenue Funds Appropriations Resolution for 2018-2019, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Hershberger, & Pirrone.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda with a correction to 8K, which should have read 2000 Ford Ranger. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the May 15, 2018 Township Board Minutes;
- Approval to Appoint Todd Hershberger to the Fire Advisory Board for a 1st term ending 12/31/2019;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristen Nusbaum, part owner of Barron Insurance, 9041 Lewis Avenue – spoke to the issue of non-Bedford residents serving on Bedford’s boards and commissions.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the issue of the Township sharing the cost of a Deputy with the Bedford Schools.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – spoke to the issue of a policy regarding who should serve on Bedford’s boards and commissions.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-2018 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – Manning explained the reasons for the budget adjustments. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution amending the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-2018 SPECIAL FUNDS BUDGET – Manning spoke to the issue, explaining the need for these adjustments. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the Resolution amending the 2017-2018 Special Funds Budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE OFFER RECEIVED FOR THE SALE OF THE LADDER TRUCK – Massingill explained the 26-year-old Ladder Truck is out of service due to a major engine problem along with other multiple issues and feels the cost to repair it is well beyond it’s worth. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Frederick to authorize the Fire Chief to sell the existent Ladder Truck that is non-operational and exceeds repair value and for him to accept \$6,500.00 for it which includes removal of the vehicle. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

UPDATE ON THE REPAIRS NEEDED AT STATION 2 – DEAN ROAD, LAMBERTVILLE – Massingill updated the Board on the status of the insurance claim for the damage done to Fire Station 2 after a power surge damaged some electrical equipment, including its generator, during a recent storm.

OLD BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A MODIFIED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE SPRINGBROOK SUBDIVISION ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ROLL – Hershberger explained that since the amount per lot was low, she was advised to reduce the roll to five years and that the residents in this district were aware of this. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri, to approve the amended Resolution to establish the Springbrook Subdivision Road Special Assessment District Roll, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Steiner, Frederick, Clements, Francis, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE – Goldsmith explained the Ordinance and said he would have a Resolution with the Fee Schedule at the next meeting. Hershberger questioned Section 6 stating the Clerk’s Department has handled the billing in the past. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve the Cost Recovery Ordinance as presented with one change in Section 6 to have the Clerk be the one to handle the billing and accounting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE AUDIT SERVICES FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – The changes to the bid proposal requested at the previous board meeting were made. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve moving forward with the bid proposal to provide audit services for Bedford Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Francis, & 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-\$145,255.09, Fire District-\$64,998.18, Police Fund-\$1,700.33, Park Fund-\$17,531.55, Transit System Fund-\$16,598.08, Library Operating Fund-\$7,996.37, Water Revenue Fund-\$9,500.00, Rehabilitation Fund-\$301.42, Downtown Development Authority-\$28,594.12, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$391,072.58, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$350.90 for a total of \$683,898.62. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUESTS FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE BALLOT PROPOSAL FOR A .25MIL/4-YEAR LEVY FOR THE BEDFORD BRANCH LIBRARY – Elaine Kunz, Chair of the Library Advisory Board explained why the LAB was requesting this millage and presented their Capital Improvement Plan. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the ballot wording, changing the four years to five years so it would be from 2018 to 2022 inclusively, for the Bedford Library proposal on the November 6, 2018 ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR HICKORY CREEK PLAT V TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL – Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to grant Tentative Preliminary Plat Approval for Hickory Creek Subdivision Plat 5, provided a second means of ingress and egress to the Hickory Creek Subdivision be completed as shown on the plat plans; and, subject to conditions outlined in letters from the Monroe County Road Commission, Monroe County Drain Commission, Mannik and Smith Group, and Bedford Fire Department; and, necessary permits be secured from Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, if needed; all prior to application for the Final Preliminary Plat submission. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REZONE FROM R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, FOR COMMANCHE DEVELOPMENT ON PARCEL NUMBER 5802-026-061-01 - Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the Commanche Development, LLC request to rezone Parcel No.5802-026-061-01 located on the north side of Sterns Road east of Lewis Avenue, just west of Prairie Woods Subdivision from R-2A, single family residential, to R-3, single family residential, for the following reasons: the rezoning is consistent with the Township Master Plan, the rezoning is consistent with the Monroe Comprehensive Land Use Map, parcels located to the north of the subject parcel are zoned R-2A, parcels located to the south of the subject parcel are zoned R-2B and R-3, parcels located to the east of the subject parcel are zoned R-3, parcel located to the west of the subject parcel is zoned RM-2, one parcel adjacent to the subject parcel is zoned C-3, and the rezoning is consistent with the uses and zoning of adjacent parcels and consistent with the density of the adjacent parcels. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS WAIVER FOR A TOLEDO STEEL ADDITION – Frederick explained that Bedford Ordinance No. 65 has not yet been revised to reflect the new construction materials and the Board has issued previous waivers for this. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri to grant a waiver for the Toledo Steel Products addition from the Township Development Design Standards Ordinance #65 for drainage pipe materials required by the Ordinance and that storm sewers may be constructed in the addition with the proposed new construction

materials provided: the product be installed in full compliance with the manufacturer's installation specifications, approval of the proposed new construction materials be subject to approval of the Monroe County Drain Commission, approval of the proposed new construction materials be subject to approval of the Township Engineer, and the granting of the waiver will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property of others in the area. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACT FOR AN OVERBAND CRACK FILL FOR VARIOUS ROADS – Hershberger explained this is a crack fill for roads in which residents have already paid into for work done through SADs. It will include Canterbury Forest Subdivision, Enchanted Forest Subdivision, Harmony Road, Melody Court, Hidden Valley Subdivision and Springbrook Subdivision (Plats 3-5). Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for 4.03 miles of overband crack fill for the subdivisions/roads listed on the contract for \$30,300.00 with the Township paying \$29,300.00 and the MCRC share being \$1000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, & Hershberger. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FOR THE PERIOD JULY 2018 THROUGH JUNE 2019 – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the Michigan Township Association membership dues for 2018-2019 in the amount of \$6,542.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Steiner, Frederick, Clements, Francis, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL FOR A POLICY REGARDING VARIOUS BOARDS OR COMMISSIONS IN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Frederick explained he wanted the Board to discuss whether a policy was needed addressing whether citizens should be serving on more than one Board or Commission and whether only local residents should be appointed to these Boards or Commissions. Much discussion followed with the Board agreeing a policy was not necessary at this time, but more information was needed when appointments were brought to them for approval.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FIREWORKS PERMIT FOR THE JUNE 22, 2018 TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS DISPLAY – Clements explained that this is a yearly request from the Park Commission permitting Ace Pyro to shoot off their annual fireworks display. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Fireworks Permit so the Fireworks are in full compliance with all regulations. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR A DECISION ON WHETHER TO OFFER A NEW CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ISSUE – Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to offer the New Class C Liquor License for issue immediately. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM BID ON THE 2000 FORD RANGER – At a minimum bid of \$2900.00, the 2000 Ford Ranger did not receive any bids. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to reduce the minimum bid on the 2000 Ford Ranger to \$2,000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Excused: None.

REQUEST TO RESTORE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME BACK TO FIVE MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL – Motion made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to restore public comment time back to five minutes per individual. Motion carried with a voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bill Pearsall, 3610 W. Sterns Road – thanked the Board for offering the Liquor License and spoke about Commercial property taxes.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the Sheriff's contract.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – hopes the public supports the Library millage, spoke to the issue of non-residents sitting on Boards, and commented on an ethics complaint.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel Lane – would like to see all the budget meetings broadcast next year.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Clements – congratulated his son along with the whole Senior class who just graduated from Bedford High School, and recognized Bedford Schools for again winning a regional award for the amount of Scholarship monies their senior class received.

Frederick – praised the Bedford Community Foundation for the number and amount of scholarship monies they handed out and invited a Boy Scout in the audience to come to the podium.

Paul Spor, 6361 Swiss Gardens – came to the podium and shared with the Board that he is working on his Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Frederick thanked him for his service to our community.

Tienvieri – thanked Paul Spor, mentioned that in regards to Boards and Commissions that the BBA is also a voice for businesses and all Township meetings are open to the public so any resident is welcome to come and voice their opinions, asked about the progress of the Sheriff's contract language changes, and asked Frederick for clarification on a comment he made during the meeting.

Steiner – gave kudos to Paul Spor, congratulated the Class of 2018, and mentioned even though businesses do have a voice, it is different to actually serve on a Board.

Francis – echoed other board member's comments, mentioned that many of the decisions the Board makes make a difference in people's lives, and that they need to respect each other's opinions.

Hershberger – mentioned the absentee voter applications have been mailed out and the ballots for the Primary will go out the end of June, that the Township Newsletter will be in the latest edition of the Bedford Press, and congratulated her daughter and son-in-law, Ashlynn and Chad, on their new baby Landon.

Pirrone – handed each board member a packet from the MTA meeting, gave an update on the Tap Grant, mentioned the Bedford Bike Cruise had to be postponed due to rain and will be June 30th, Goldsmith said he would be sending out a communication to the Board on the ethics complaint, and then Pirrone mentioned the Sheriff's contract will be on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary