

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 19, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Paul Francis, Treasurer

LaMar Frederick, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee

ABSENT: Nancy Tienvieri, TC Clements

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 Minister Jim Puhl from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE LEWISTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION ROAD SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Hershberger to open the Public Hearing to request approval of a Resolution to establish Lewiston Estates Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Hershberger, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

Kim Pollins, 1054 Oakmont – asked questions and Hershberger responded.

Jeff Topolewski, 7831 Fir – brought up concerns he has regarding a previous SAD.

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland Dr. – asked questions and Hershberger answered her questions.

Lynn Stone, Birchwood – spoke to the benefits of having the road improvements done.

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

Buschmann from Mannik Smith Group explained the work to be done and how the cost was calculated. Hershberger explained that the Township is just the facilitator of establishing a Special Assessment District for residents to get their roads improved. She then informed the Board that 54% of the residents signed the petition representing 55% of the land frontage. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the Resolution to establish the Lewiston Estates Subdivision Public Road Maintenance District, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Steiner, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve the agenda with the addition of 8G-the forming of an Economic Development Committee, as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Francis, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the June 5, 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 5/31/2018;
- Acceptance of the Resignation of Jodi Russ from the Communication/Media Commission, effective immediately;

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

PRESENTATIONS

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTER – Tanner DuVall was promoted to Lieutenant, and after being sworn in by Hershberger, he was pinned by his fiancé. Board members thanked him for his service.

PRESENTATION ON THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IMPROVEMENTS – Buschmann from Mannik Smith Group gave a brief history of the DDA, showed a map of the area included in it, and updated the Board on new improvements to the area.

PRESENTATION ON FORMING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Tim Lake and Aaron Wiens, as part of an ad hoc committee gave a presentation as to why they felt it would be worthwhile for Bedford Township to have an Economic Development Committee. The purpose of the Committee would be to put different items together to help attract businesses to Bedford. Board members asked questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – commented on the Sheriff's contract and thanked the Firefighters for the job they do.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – mentioned the sidewalks connecting Colonial, the Metro fund dollars, asked that comments made by non-Bedford residents state their home address, and she opposes a final decision tonight on the formation of an Economic Development Committee.

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-\$59,495.30, Fire District-\$60,307.17, Police Fund-\$1,016.25, Park Fund-\$4,805.69, Library Operating Fund-\$3,303.80, Economic Dev. Corp. Fund-\$54,109.01, Downtown Development Authority-\$447.75, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$4,608.54, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$202,408.93 for a total of \$390,502.44. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RETRO-FIT THE INTERIOR LIGHTS OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER AND THE PARKING LOT LIGHTS WITH LED LIGHTING – Roger Kirkpatrick, from Voss Lighting explained the proposal. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to postpone this until the next board meeting so the Board has a chance to review the documentation with the correct numbers on it. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM THE PARK COMMISSION TO APPOINT RUSTY WILKE TO THE VACANT PARK COMMISSION POSITION – Goodridge, as Park Commission Chair requested approval of their recommendation of Rusty Wilke to the vacant Park Commission position. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve Rusty Wilke to the vacant position on the Park Commission with his term ending November 20, 2020. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Francis, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SHERIFFS FOR INCREASED LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES PRIMARILY WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Chief Deputy Pauli, explained different areas of the contract in which language clarification changes were made. Motion was made by Frederick,

seconded by Francis to approve the Agreement to provide additional Deputy Sheriffs for increased Law Enforcement services primarily within the jurisdiction of Bedford Township effective June 1, 2018, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR THE COST RECOVERY ORDINANCE FEE SCHEDULE – Goldsmith explained that he and Chief Massingill worked together to create a schedule with

fair and reasonable figures that represent actual costs incurred by the Township. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Hershberger to approve the Resolution to establish the Cost Recovery Fee Schedule pursuant to the Bedford Township Cost Recovery Ordinance, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Hershberger, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

DISCUSSION OF THE DAMAGE DONE TO JACKMAN ROAD – Pirrone explained that a tractor has caused some damage to approximately ¼ mile of Jackman Road and he is currently waiting to hear back from the insurance company.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE FORMATION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Pirrone spoke, explaining that for Bedford to be competitive and attract businesses, this Committee would put together packages for specific properties on what it would take to get the property ready for use. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Hershberger to postpone this item until the next regularly scheduled meeting so the full board has a chance to consider it. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Hershberger, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri & Clements.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Connie Velliquette, Park Commission – thanked the Board for accepting the Park Board's recommendation and reminded everyone that the Fireworks are scheduled for Friday at dusk.

Greg Skiver, 1520 Meadowbrook Way – spoke to the issue of roads.

Logan Tisdale, 1380 Brandywine – stressed that private citizens make the difference in our community.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – suggested the Planning dept may need to hire another person, concerned over member selection for an Economic Development Committee, spoke about the Township Newsletter articles and TAC.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Steiner – confirmed that the Township receives more services from the Sheriff's Department than their contract even requires and that the changes made were only for clarification. He also asked people not to text or drink while driving and to stay aware and safe.

Francis – reminded residents that the 2018 Summer Tax bills will be mailed out the beginning of July, that the Board has never discussed closing the Temperance Fire Station and that he also does not believe Bedford has ever been cheated by the Sheriff's contract.

Frederick – agrees that the Temperance Fire Station needs to stay open as it covers the North part of Bedford, asked Pirrone if a new person had been hired in the Assessing Department, and would like Alan Matlow, Lead Assessor to report how possible changes to the State statues will affect his department.

Hershberger – informed the Board that she has hired Linda Brown as a seasonal worker to help in the Clerk's Department through the elections, mentioned that Primary ballots will be going out next week and that Hazardous Waste collection day is June 21st from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. behind the Township Hall.

Pirrone – suggested residents who do road improvement through a SAD get on a maintenance schedule so their roads last longer, commended Skiver who worked hard to get the Road

Commission to come back and fix his road, understands Tisdale's passion for what he believes, mentioned the ITC project will be doing some pole replacement starting in the Fall, the Township Board was able to secure a grant for \$260,000.00 with the Township's match being \$140,000.00, the Bike Cruise is scheduled for June 30th, he is working with the Clerk's Department to get the Maintenance Building repaired and has contacted the insurance company to send out a Structural Engineer, and he has hired a seasonal employee in the Assessing Department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary