

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
July 17, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Paul Francis, Treasurer

TC Clements, Trustee
LaMar Frederick, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ABSENT: Paul Pirrone, Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Manning, Finance Director and Tom Graham, Township Attorney

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Hershberger at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer led by Matt Hafer, from BridgePoint Church. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to appoint Frederick as a moderator for this meeting only. Motion carried on a voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE LEWISTON ESTATES SUBDIVISION ROAD IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

ROLL – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Tienvieri to open the Public Hearing to approve a Resolution to establish the Lewiston Estates Subdivision Road Improvement Special Assessment District Roll. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

Kim Pollins, 1054 Oakmont – spoke about taxes, road improvement in subdivisions, and burning in ditches.

Gary Kiplinger, 1090 Ashland – had questions about the ditches.

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland – asked questions.

Pat Galdeen, 1184 Ashland – asked if the road improvements would increase her property assessment and if the road directions could be changed periodically.

Adam Beaman, 1055 Oakmont – inquired about speed bumps and he would like to see the actual design of the construction.

Carol Lake, 1138 Ashland – spoke about turning plastic straws into roads.

Mel Galdeen, 1184 Ashland – asked about turning the roads back into stone roads and asked for better law enforcement for speeders.

Devin O'Brien, 1168 Ashland – spoke to the issues of speeders and drivers ignoring stop signs.

Pat Galdeen, 1184 Ashland – asked about taking the cost as a tax deduction.

Brenda Minor, 1054 Mapleway – had questions about the bank loan and how the payments were to be made.

Bill Johnson, 1200 Ashland – asked questions about his ditch and tile work.

Graham discussed the process of a Special Assessment and Hershberger answered the resident's questions.

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

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the resolution to establish the Lewiston Estates Subdivision Road SAD in the amount of \$7,000.00 per parcel over a 15-year period. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the July 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 June 30, 2018;

Approval to change Greg Lascala from an Alternate member of the Communications/Media Commission to a full member with a term ending 12/31/2018;

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

PRESENTATIONS**PROCLAMATION HONORING BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE MARSHAL RON WHIPPLE** –

Hershberger presented Whipple with a plaque from the office of State Senator Dale Zorn and State Representative Jason Sheppard thanking him for his service. She then read the Bedford Township Proclamation honoring Whipple for his service; the Board and audience stood and applauded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Kreuchauf, 10212 Jackman – supports the proposed chip seal on Jackman Road.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – asked for all committee meetings to be posted to the website and asked what the normal process is when the Township files an insurance claim like the damaged maintenance building.

STAFF REPORTS**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2017-2018 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET** –

Manning spoke explaining the adjustments. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to adopt the Resolution to amend the 2017-2018 Special Revenue Funds budget as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RINGO & ASSOCIATES PROPOSAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES –

Manning explained the three proposals received and recommended Ringo and Associates be approved for the audit of Bedford Township. Lengthy discussion followed. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to table this item until the next regularly scheduled meeting in order to get answers to Board members questions. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

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-\$70,168.79, Fire District-\$5,959.58, Police Fund-\$1,610.78, Park Fund-\$7,225.75, Library Operating Fund-\$6,123.01, Water Revenue Fund-\$2,251.63, Rehabilitation Fund-\$30.00, Indian Acres SAD-\$824.40, Mohawk Trails SAD-\$238.00, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,037.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$16,565.44, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,344.00 for a total of

\$113,378.88. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR WATERFORD PLAT III ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NUMBER 5802-020-147-30 – Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Tienvieri upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the request for the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Waterford Plat III on a portion of parcel number 5802 020 147 30, 2798 W. Dean Road between Secor and Douglas Roads provided the petitioner meet all the requirements, comments, and conditions set forth in letters from the Monroe County Road Commission dated 3/20/2018, the Monroe County Drain Commission dated 5/23/2018, the Bedford Township Fire Department dated 6/4/2018, the Mannik Smith Group dated 6/7/2018, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements regarding the 1.85 acres of regulated wetlands on the parcel and complies with the zoning requirements for an R-3 single family residential zoning district in a RT two family residential zoning district. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Frederick, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis & Hershberger. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR A SINGLE CHIP SEAL ON JACKMAN ROAD, SAMARIA TO ERIE – A farmer's equipment damaged a portion of this road, which their insurance covered. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Francis to approve the MCRC Road Improvement Contract for a single chip seal on Jackman Road, Samaria to Erie at a total cost of \$19,319.00 with the Township's portion being \$14,121.00 and that it be completed this year if at all possible. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE MILDRED AVENUE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the MCRC Contract for Mildred Avenue SAD at a total cost of \$178,800.00 with the Township's cost being \$175,200.00 which will be paid completely through the SAD. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Francis & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT FOR THE SPRINGBROOK SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the MCRC Contract for the Springbrook SAD in the amount of \$162,200.00 with the Township's cost being \$158,600.00 which will be paid completely through the SAD. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO BID OUT THE DAMAGED MAINTENANCE GARAGE – Hershberger explained that a claim was filed with the insurance company, who sent out a structural engineer. Their recommendation was to tear down THE DAMAGED PORTION OF the building and rebuild it. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to approve putting this project out for bid using standard wording written by Mr. Frederick along with the Engineer Report received from the Insurance Company. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Hershberger & Frederick. Nays: None. Absent: Pirrone.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – Congratulated Whipple on his retirement and spoke on the importance of service to others.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – asked drivers to be careful because Adopt-A-Road is this weekend, said the compost station smells, and mentioned the maintenance garage is a historical building and maybe the front could be saved.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – mentioned that speeders in your subdivision are your neighbors and maybe you could just ask them to slow down.

Clements – Thanked Whipple for his service and thanked the Fire Dept. for all the Community service they are providing.

Steiner – Asked for a minute of silence for the Haun family, thanked Whipple for his years of service, asked motorists to be careful with Adopt-a-Road going on this weekend, and disagrees with the comment made by Pollins that Toledo gets more “bang for their buck” on tax dollars and has a better Fire Department. He feels Bedford’s Fire Dept. does a great job.

Francis – gave up his comment time for the one minute of silence for the Haun family.

Hershberger – Congratulated Whipple on his retirement, also feels Bedford has the best Fire Department, explained the procedure for the damaged maintenance garage, mentioned that absentee ballots are still available in the Clerk’s office and gave the voters all the important election dates, and reminded the residents that the next board meeting would be one week later due to the election.

Frederick – Commended Whipple and the whole Fire Department for the work they do, was pleased to see so many people attend the meeting and ask their questions, and asked motorists to be careful of the Adopt-a-Road workers, as they provide a great service to our Community.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary