

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
August 21, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief Adam Massingill and Lead Assessor, Alan Matlow

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 Logan Tisdale.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- Approval of the August 14, 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 July 31, 2018;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

STAFF REPORTS

BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE – Chief Massingill updated the Board on the positive feedback for internal hiring for the SAFER Grant, the progress on updating the Standard Operating Procedures, and that he is putting specs together for the budgeted Ambulance purchase which would go out for bid in approximately 6 months. He also stated the cost to wrap and outfit the Expedition with sirens, lighting, radios, etc. would be around \$4,000.00 and he would like to have the work done soon so he could get it into service.

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-\$119,152.79, Fire District-\$7,266.03, Police Fund-\$398.41, Park Fund-\$2,322.17, Library Operating Fund-\$1,842.56, Water Revenue Fund-\$6,730.00, Mildred SAD-\$1,313.88, Springbrook SAD-\$2,007.38, Lewiston Estates SAD-\$411.38, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,162.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$4,176.07, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,137.50 for a total of \$147,920.67. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A LAND DIVISION/COMBINATION FOR PARCELS 5802-485-014-00 AND 5802-485-015-00 – Francis disclosed that the applicants are his son-in-law and daughter and offered to abstain from voting on this issue. Other Board members did not feel that was necessary. Matlow explained the request. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the request of Michael and Lynette Fisher to combine lot 5802-485-015-00 and ½ of

lot 5802-485-014-00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER TELEPHONE SERVICE AT THE LIBRARY FROM FRONTIER TO TELESYSTEM – Hershberger received this request from the Library Advisory Board and it will save the Library about \$70.00 a month. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Library switching from Frontier to Telesystem at a cost of \$139.65 a month. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – concerned with the continuation of the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee as she is a resident of Downtown Temperance and has a passion for what happens there.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert St – spoke on the millage passed and the costs associated with Lake Erie Transit and he wishes the Fire Department was better supported. He also doesn't think Downtown Temperance wants to be like Lambertville.

Dale Track, 2842 Sanibel Lane – spoke on the increase millage costs if the two millages on the November ballot get passed, gave options for the administration fee, and would like to see a policy on gift received by Bedford Board members.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – asked about questions she has received regarding Cable companies in Bedford - Hershberger let her know that no other company is currently interested in coming in. Tienvieri also stated she is in favor of economic development in Downtown Temperance, but would like to see local homeowners, and not just business owners or those that can benefit from financial gain on the Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee.

Frederick – spoke about the 1970's and those wanting to be on boards just for financial gain.

Francis – agrees with Tienvieri, is thankful for the work which has been done but encourages residents interested in Downtown Temperance to get involved with the Committee.

Hershberger – explained that a lot of the TAP Grant ideas came from TAC originally and that the Township Hall will be closed on September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Pirrone – encourages anyone interested in Downtown Temperance to come to the meetings as he would like everyone to work together and that Temperance Days is September 8th from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary