

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
September 4, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: TC Clements, Trustee  
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor LaMar Frederick, Trustee  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk Rick Steiner, Trustee  
Paul Francis, Treasurer

ABSENT: Nancy Tienvieri

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 Mike Bauman, Bedford Alliance Church.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PLAT III STREETLIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT**

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the Public Hearing to approve a Resolution to establish the Village Meadows Subdivision, Plat III Streetlight Special Assessment District. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

No one came forward to speak to this issue.

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, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

Hershberger explained that this is just to establish the setting of one light fixture in Village Meadows, Plat III and the developer has already paid the \$100.00 cost of it. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Streetlight Special Assessment District in Village Meadows Subdivision, Plat III, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Frederick, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

**REQUEST FOR POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE** – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to open the Public Hearing for the possible issuance of a Class C Liquor License. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

Pirrone invited anyone from the audience to come forward to speak to this issue. No one came forward.

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

Each applicant was invited to come to the podium to speak to the board and answer questions. John Bates, Jr., Shaken not Stirred, LLC - mentioned they already own two Liquor Licenses, one at Quimby's and they just purchased Sage restaurant. They have a clean liquor bill with no outstanding marks. They are planning on opening a new restaurant in the development going in at Sterns and Secor. Two issues were brought up regarding their application which goes against Township Ordinance No. 90: no facility is currently owned or leased and this entity already owns a liquor license and can only be issued another license if there are no other qualified candidates.

Francis Elmazi, Jeff, LLC – her husband and her have opened and ran restaurants, including American Table and she outlined her plan to open a restaurant/bar in the old Spring Arbor building. Francis mentioned both candidates were good applicants and both would be good for Bedford. For Clements it comes down to which applicant would provide the greatest economic development to the community. Since the State makes the final decision, Frederick is concerned the State will question how the Board reached its final decision considering it goes against its ordinance. Pirrone has been working with Bates on the Secor/Sterns project and would hate to see it not come to fruition. Board members feel they need more information, especially from Bates in order to make a more informative decision. Hershberger is concerned about setting a double standard by allowing one applicant to add information to his application when that was not allowed at the last liquor license hearing. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to table this issue for not more than 30 days to allow for the review of more information, namely, a full copy of Ordinance 90 and some plans and concept of what one of the applicants is proposing to do so the board can better judge between the two applications and decide which one would be in the best interest of the Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Clements & Pirrone. Nays: Hershberger. Absent: Tienvieri.

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

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the August 21, 2018 Township Board Minutes;

Approval to Appoint Kenneth Kilman to the Construction Code Board of Appeals for a 1<sup>st</sup> Term ending 12/31/2020;

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO HIRE SHAWN MCBRIDE, DON MARSH, AND LINDSAY OUELLETTE AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT – Chief Massingill was able to fill three of the four positions internally, has posted the remaining position, and hopes to identify a fourth qualified candidate soon. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the employment of Shawn McBride, Don Marsh & Lindsay Ouellette for the Safer Grant positions at the salaries presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RETURN ADAM MASSINGILL'S SALARY TO \$75,000.00 FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to return Chief Massingill's salary to \$75,000.00 for the remainder of the fiscal year, as per his request. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

#### **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-\$186,904.31, Fire District-\$39,402.13, Police Fund-\$59.41, Park Fund-\$2,514.76, Transit System Fund-\$15,469.00,

Library Operating Fund-\$2,888.15, Rehabilitation Fund-\$30.00, Indian Acres-\$95,503.67, Mildred Ave SAD-\$57.66, Springbrook SAD-\$57.66, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,356.02, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$107.25 for a total of \$344,350.02. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Clements, Steiner, & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER'S ENERGY LIGHTING CONTRACT TO INCLUDE THE STREETLIGHT IN VILLAGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PLAT III**

– Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution for one light in the Village Meadows Subdivision, Plat III which has already been paid for by the Developer. The monthly charge will be \$11.75 and will be spread amongst the lot owners. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Steiner, Frederick, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

**REQUEST FOR FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PLAT III**

– Upon the recommendation of the Planning Commission, and notice of the completed delivery of all required documents to the Township Clerk before final plat approval, a motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Hershberger that the request by Village Meadows Holdings, LLC for final plat approval for Village Meadows, Plat III, be approved subject to a copy of the Road Commission and Drain Commission construction plans be submitted to the Township Building Official prior to the Clerk signing the final Plat. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Hershberger, Steiner, Clements, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Tienvieri.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Steiner – today is the first day of school, so he is reminding everyone to be safe and for kids to put away their phones while driving and not to drink and drive.

Clements – appreciates the time the liquor license applicants put in and hopes the Board will have an answer back to them soon.

Frederick – applauded the Chief and is glad to see the Fire Department program moving forward; the high-quality service it will provide to the citizens is important. He praised the work being done to River Raisin Battlefield National Park and the benefits it can bring to Bedford.

Francis – reminded residents that summer real estate taxes are due on September 14<sup>th</sup>, after that the law requires that penalties and interest be assessed.

Hershberger – the Township Update will be going out on September 11<sup>th</sup>, she will be going to the high school on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to register Seniors, and the deadline to register for the November election is October 9<sup>th</sup>.

Pirrone – reminded residents to stop for school buses, spoke about remembering Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> which is coming up, praised the Beautification Committee and their “green initiative”, mentioned he is meeting with business owners in downtown temperance to discuss the TAP grant, Temperance Days is Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, and reminded residents to lock their cars to reduce the risk of a break-in.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

