

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
November 13, 2018 -7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

LaMar Frederick, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee

ABSENT: TC Clements & Nancy Tienvieri

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 Phil Dale, Bedford Fire Department Chaplain.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone asked to switch item 8F-Request for a Waiver of BZA fees for Bridgepoint Church with item 8A-Request for Approval of Vouchers for Payment. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Frederick to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the October 16, 2018 Township Board Minutes;

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

PRESENTATIONS

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FIREFIGHTERS – After Massingill introduced three of the four full-time firefighters: Mike Konieczny, Don Marsh & Shawn McBride and Hershberger swore them in, their wives came up to present them with their pins. The Board applauded and congratulated them.

PROMOTION OF PHIL DALE TO CAPTAIN – Phillip Dale was promoted to Captain, and after being sworn in by Hershberger, he was pinned by his wife. Board members thanked him for his service.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT RESOLUTION – Massingill explained this is part of the Bedford Fire Department’s commitment to provide Advanced Life Support Care and will be used when the incident commander believes it’s appropriate and necessary to transport a patient. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Frederick to approve the Advanced Life Support Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Frederick, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO PURCHASE FOUR NFPA COMPLIANT BULLARD NXT THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS FROM DINGES FIRE COMPANY – Massingill explained this is a high priority of the equipment replacement plan and that these cameras help the Firefighters quickly locate victims and know exactly where the fire is situated inside a structure. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Francis to approve the purchase of four NFPA compliant Bullard NXT thermal imaging cameras from Dinges Fire Company at a cost of

\$39,651.80. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Francis, Frederick, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

DISCUSSION OF FIRE STATION #1 – The report by Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) regarding the mold situation at Fire Station #1 was discussed. A temporary roof repair has been completed but large areas of the station are unusable until the mold is cleaned up. CEC does not actually do the clean up work, but can prepare a report for a mold remediation plan for the Township to bid out. Frederick recommended the Township go back to having the Fire Station roof checked annually for ponding and to have the distribution system looked at. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Frederick to approve CEC to develop a remediate plan at a cost not to exceed \$1,200.00, as proposed, with the contract being constructed by the laws of Michigan. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Frederick, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

OLD BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF BZA FEES FOR BRIDGEPOINT CHURCH – Terry McCormack, Chairman of the Bridgepoint Field of Dreams 501c3 Project, explained the field is being reconstructed and will be used for Little League travel teams. They have asked for two variances from BZA, one for the height of the fences which would increase safety and the second to construct dugouts. The waiver would be granted to the Church as they own the property and will be responsible for the insurance on it. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve a waiver of BZA fees for Bridgepoint Church. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BLANKET WAIVER FROM THE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS ORDINANCE #65 FOR PIPING MATERIAL – This request has come before the Board for individual waivers on several occasions, so until the Ordinance can be updated, the Planning Department has requested a blanket waiver. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Hershberger to grant a waiver under the Township Development Design Standards Ordinance #65 for types of piping material requests for storm drainage systems, drainage improvement systems, sanitary service systems and water supply systems in Bedford Township provided: the Monroe County Drain Commissioner and the Township Engineer approve the type of piping material to be installed; the installation of the piping material is in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and instructions; and, the granting of the variation from Ordinance #65 shall not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which the materials are installed as determined by the Monroe County Drain Commissioner and the Township Engineer. This waiver shall be in effect until amendments to Township Development Design Standard Ordinance #65 respecting types of piping materials for storm drainage systems, drainage improvements, sanitary sewer systems and water supply systems is approved by the Bedford Township Board of Trustees. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Hershberger, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEMCOG 2018/2019 MEMBERSHIP – Pirrone feels they are an important resource and the Township utilizes them regularly. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis to approve the membership dues for the period from November 15, 2018 to November 15, 2019 in the amount of \$1,991.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$402,353.36, Fire District-\$46,889.76, Police Fund-\$99,932.70, Park Fund-\$13,084.33, Transit System Fund-\$11,546.00, Library Operating Fund-\$13,732.15, Water Revenue Fund-\$7,400.00, Indian Acres SAD-\$659,478.18, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$71,977.37, Downtown Development Authority-\$2,851.91, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$408,514.06, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,044.00 for a total of \$1,738,803.82. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Frederick, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST TO PERMIT LENNARD, GRAHAM & GOLDSMITH TO PREPARE THE BEDFORD/ERIE SANITARY SEWER AGREEMENT AMENDMENT – Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Francis for the Bedford Township Board to waive the conflict of interest between the Township and Lennard, Graham, & Goldsmith and that W. Thomas Graham and Lennard, Graham & Goldsmith, P.L.C. be permitted to prepare the Bedford/Erie Sanitary Sewer Agreement Amendment on behalf of the Monroe County Drain Commissioner as County Agency, Bedford Township, and Erie Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP-ERIE TOWNSHIP THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE BEDFORD-ERIE SEWER SYSTEM NO. 2 – ERIE EXTENSION A AGREEMENT – Graham along with Tim Csurgo, Deputy Drain Commissioner and Tim Lake, MCBDC explained that this agreement is just an extension of a previous agreement allowing Bedford's sewer line to service property in Erie and that it will be good for Economic Development. Erie Township has already approved this agreement. Motion was made by Frederick, seconded by Steiner to approve the Bedford Township-Erie Township Third Amendment to the Bedford Township-Erie Township Sewer System No. 2 – Erie Extension A - Agreement, and that the Township Supervisor and the Township Clerk be authorized to execute the Third Amendment on behalf of the Township. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Frederick, Steiner, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: None. Absent: Clements & Tienvieri.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the number of traffic citations issued by the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and was encouraged by prayer for the President.

Jodi Russ, Bedford Township Librarian – Thanked the Board and the Community for supporting the Library in the November election and stated the Library will need to amend their budget.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – as the Adopt-A-Road liaison, she gave a report and thanked all the volunteers, then she praised and thanked Mr. Frederick for his service to the community.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Steiner – thanked and congratulated the new full-time firefighters, reminded residents to be careful as it is getting dark earlier plus the roads could be turning icy, and expressed his gratitude to LaMar for his guidance and benefit to the Board.

Frederick – mentioned it has been a pleasure serving this community for over 15 years, he has enjoyed working with each board member and has been involved in many projects, then he shared a humorous Veterans story which occurred at the Veteran's celebration at the elementary school.

Francis – appreciated working with LaMar on this Board and values his friendship.

Hershberger – mentioned she also attended the Veteran's program at the elementary school, the Township will have back to back board meetings due to the election, the Township will be closed on November 22nd and 23rd due to Thanksgiving, she will miss LaMar and all the years they worked

together, congratulated the new firefighters and Phil Dale on his promotion, and reported that Election day was very busy, but went well and she thanked all her election workers for a job well done!

Pirrone – mentioned he is growing his beard for Cancer Awareness month and for “Grow-vember,” a month to grow in your relationship with the Lord, the Township will continue with snow plowing of the subdivisions with 5 inches being the trigger using seasonal help and StoneCo, mentioned the Blizzardfest committee made a group decision when deciding which foundation to hold their monies, he plans to bring EDC applications and the Assessing Department staffing model to the next meeting, he met with engineers regarding the roundabout, and it has been a pleasure and honor to have worked with LaMar.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary