

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
May 7, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

TC Clements, Trustee
Craig Montri, Trustee
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ABSENT: Rick Steiner, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Graham, 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 Phil Dale.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone removed item 3D-appointment of Jerry Goodridge to the Library Advisory Board. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Montri to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The April 16, 2019 Township Board Minutes;

Acceptance with regret the resignation of Elaine Kunz from the Library Advisory Board, effective immediately;

Acceptance with regret the resignation of Matt Hafer from the Library Advisory Board, effective immediately;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to traffic enforcement.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance- spoke against closing the roads for the Temperance Street Fest.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – spoke to the purchase of property for the roundabout.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

REQUEST TO ADOPT AND UPDATE THE 2018 FIRE CODE AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE – Graham spoke to the importance of adopting the new code every three years in order to keep the code up-to-date and relevant. Discussion followed regarding the four options presented to the Board. With option four, the business owner would be required to install a key box, but they could choose to put their contact information in it in lieu of a key, as long as they sign a hold harmless agreement. The signing of this agreement will be handled by the Fire Chief and his designees. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve and adopt the amendment to the Bedford Township Construction and Fire Codes Ordinance with the updated 2018 Fire Code and 2018 Property Maintenance Code option #4, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Montri. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP

PURCHASE OF 6602 JACKMAN ROAD – Graham explained this purchase is needed in order to move forward with the roundabout project. The Phase 1 Environmental Study is one of the contingencies of the purchase. Discussion followed regarding the price and other potential costs.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Francis to approve the resolution for the Township to purchase the property at 6602 Jackman Road as per the contract with Miller Danbury for the listed price of \$65,000.00 with all the terms contained in the contract, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY BY MANNIK SMITH GROUP – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Francis to approve the agreement for professional services from Mannik Smith at a cost of \$2,500.00 to provide Phase 1 Environmental work for the purpose of establishing the viability of the property at 6602 Jackman Road for purchase. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE TELESYSTEM PHONE SYSTEM PROPOSAL Hershberger explained this is the same agreement the Township was bound to before; it just includes new phones and a lower rate. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the contract with Buckeye Telesystems for the phone system, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR FINAL PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR WATERFORD PLAT III ON A PORTION OF PARCEL NO. 5802-020-147-30 (2798 W. DEAN ROAD) – Tienvieri explained this is the final Preliminary Plat Approval for nine additional lots with eight additional homes for Waterford Plat III. This plat will complete the proposed Waterford subdivision development with a cul-de-sac design. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Montri for approval of the Final Preliminary plat for Waterford Plat III on a portion of parcel no. 5802-020-147-30, otherwise known as 2798 W. Dean Road between Secor and Douglas Roads, conditioned upon any and all issues outlined in the MCRC, MCDC, the Mannik Smith Group, and the Bedford Township Fire Department letters which shall be addressed prior to Final Plat approval; the 20' wide construction drive off Dean Road shall be utilized for all construction traffic and shall not be removed until after all final construction has been completed; the level 3 wetland identification review of approximately eight acres of the property, determining approximately 1.85 acres of wetlands are regulated by the MDEQ; and deed restrictions for Waterford Plat III be submitted, reviewed and approved by the Township attorney. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Montri, Francis, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Hershberger mentioned the new line item, Fire Equipment, has been added due to the passage of a millage. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$70,956.12, Fire District-\$33,491.00, Police Fund-\$505.23, Park Fund-\$11,018.59, Fire Equipment-\$66,000.00, Transit System Fund-\$17,756.00, Library Operating Fund-\$6,412.34, Water Revenue Fund-\$7,255.00, Lewiston Estates SAD-\$13,169.93, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$15,360.48, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$5,504.51 & Trust and Agency Fund-\$7,107.00 for a total of \$254,536.20. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Montri, Clements, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PERMIT FOR THE TOWNSHIP FIREWORKS DISPLAY Clements explained this is for the fireworks put on by the Park Commission and needs to be approved by the Township Board each year. Motion was made Clements, seconded by Montri to approve the 2019 permit for the Fireworks Display being held on June 21st with a rain date of June

22, 2019. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FOR THE PARK COMMISSION TO SELL PROPERTY ON THE CORNER OF SUBSTATION AND CRABB ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AS MILLER PARK, PARCEL NO. 5802-023-001-00) – Graham explained the Park Commission owns this property but has no use for it. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Montri to approve the Park Commission sale of property No. 5802-023-001-00 currently known as Miller Park for \$39,900.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE ATTORNEY HOURLY RATE INCREASE FROM LENNARD, GRAHAM, & GOLDSMITH – Pirrone mentioned the attorney fees would go from \$125.00 to \$150.00 per hour. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the hourly rate fee presented by the Township legal counsel, Lennard Graham & Goldsmith, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF TWO ROAD CLOSURES FOR THE TEMPERANCE STREET FEST – Kristen Nusbaum explained the event and some of the activities planned. Questions were raised regarding Lewis Avenue being a truck route and the inability for customers to get to Food Town and the Lions Den. Alternate closures were discussed. Board members were in support of the event, they just had concerns about the road closure. Clements commended the businesses in that area who are willing to take a financial loss for the day for the betterment of the Community. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution to close Lewis Avenue as presented, contingent upon the approval of the MCRC. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Clements, Montri & Francis. Nays: Tienvieri & Hershberger. Absent: Steiner. Hershberger voted no due to her concerns with closing a main intersection and a truck route.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE NOXIOUS WEED MOWING BID – Hershberger mentioned this was bid out for the Ordinance Department. Many companies were contacted to bid and it was listed on the website but only one bid was received. Tienvieri would like it to be published in the newspaper in the future. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the bid received from Cutting Edge Lawn & Landscape, 3860 E. Stein Road, LaSalle at a rate of \$45.00 per hour for noxious weed grass mowing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE RESEAL AND STRIPPING OF THE TOWNSHIP PARKING LOT BID – Pirrone explained sealed bids were requested for the entire parking lot. The low bid from G & B Asphalt didn't seem to include the Sheriff's side of the lot. When Pirrone called them, they agreed to include it without increasing their bid. Pirrone also checked G & B Asphalt's references, which were all good. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the bid for G & B Asphalt Maintenance, 5423 Lewis Avenue, Unit B, Toledo, Ohio for \$10,400.00 with the stipulation that he signs the email in which he agrees to include the Sheriff's side of the lot. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE MCRC CONTRACT FOR LEWISTON ESTATES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT – Hershberger explained the bid opening for this project isn't until May 16th, but the MCRC wanted approval now so they can start on the project

immediately. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Lewiston Estates Special Assessment District contract with the MCRC for a total cost of \$1,146,600.00 which will be paid for by the residents of that district. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE CHANGE ORDER OF THE MCRC CONTRACT FOR WHITEFORD CENTER ROAD – Francis explained that due to the increased cost of asphalt, the contract came in higher than expected. The MCRC has agreed to split the difference 50/50 with the Township. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the revised MCRC contract for Whiteford Center Road with a revised total cost for the project of \$987,400.00 with the Township share being \$239,400.00 and the MCRC share is \$748,000.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – spoke to the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department.

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert – spoke to road work done to Monroe Road and the effect it had on Lambert Street.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – addressed comments from last meeting and spoke against the Temperance/Lewis road closure.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – commended the young people who sat through the whole board meeting.

Francis – invited everyone to the Lions Den Grand Opening on Saturday, May 11th. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Clements – mentioned the decision to close the roads for the Temperance Fest was a tough decision and he would like to see plenty of advance notice of the street closures in sign form.

Montri – clarified for Tisdale some of the Sheriff Department’s contract service numbers, stated for the record his opposition to the lock boxes, mentioned Gerth Deli’s Grand Opening is also scheduled for Saturday at 12:00 noon, and wished his mom a Happy Mother’s Day.

Hershberger – wished her mother along with all the mothers a Happy Mother’s Day and hopes Sunday is a wonderful day for them.

Pirrone – is proud to be part of this Board as they have accomplished quite a bit in these last 2 ½ years, will be out of town and will not be able to attend the ribbon-cuttings but praised the Lions Club for all the good they do in the community, explained that residents living on private roads are responsible for their own roads, and mentioned there are a couple openings on the Library Advisory Board and anyone interested in serving should stop by the Clerk’s office for an application.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary