

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
July 16, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	Craig Montri, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Paul Francis, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

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 Pastor Lew Carlson, St. Pauls Lutheran Church.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH VILLAGE MEADOWS, PLAT IV STREETLIGHT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT AND TO AUTHORIZE A CHANGE IN THE CONSUMERS ENERGY LIGHTING CONTRACT TO INCLUDE THESE STREETLIGHTS – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Montri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

No one came forward to speak.

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, Montri, Francis, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Hershberger explained the Developer has already paid for the two streetlights and their installation. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution to authorize Consumers Energy to make changes to the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between Bedford Township and Consumers Energy, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the Resolution to establish the Village Meadows Subdivision, Plat IV Streetlight Special Assessment District, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The July 2, 2019 Township Board Minutes;

The General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD reports from the Treasurer;

The Revenue/Expense report and Balance sheet for the period ending June 30, 2019;

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE FOR THE PROCESSING OF REQUESTS CONCERNING ZONING ORDINANCES** – Goldsmith prepared, at the Board’s direction, a procedure to follow when a rezoning or a zoning amendment is requested. He explained the request would be referred to the Planning Department who would then investigate it, prepare a written analysis, submit it to the Board for consideration at a public meeting, and if the Board decides to act upon it, the request would then need to go through the steps required by the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. Tienvieri questioned some of the wording in the Resolution. Goldsmith answered Hershberger’s questions stating it would not affect any requests already submitted and the Resolution does not require publication. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Montri to approve and adopt the Resolution to establish a procedure for the processing of requests concerning zoning ordinances, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE SPARTAN GLADIATOR AERIAL PLATFORM FIRE TRUCK** – The Board authorized the purchase of this Ladder Truck in March 2018. Francis explained this purchase agreement would be to finance \$1,000,000.00 of the cost with an interest rate of 3.65% for the first five years, and at a rate equal to the taxable equivalent yield to the five-year U.S. Treasury rate plus 2.65% for the final five years. Both the Township Bond and Legal Counsels recommend financing it through this three-way agreement with the Vendor, Monroe Bank & Trust Bank and the Township, as it follows Michigan statute. All payments would be made out of the Fire Millage fund. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to accept and adopt the Resolution authorizing the creation of the installment purchase agreement, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none. Francis mentioned the closing would probably be towards the end of July, with the first payment due October 1<sup>st</sup> for approximately \$30,000.00, and then paid quarterly. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the Installment Purchase Agreement, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**PHASE 2 REPORT PERFORMED FOR THE MICHIGAN TAVERN PROPERTY** – Pirrone explained that the Phase 1 investigators and the Township Engineers strongly recommended a Phase 2 study be performed. The seller has agreed to pay \$5,000.00 towards this study at closing, as long as the sale goes through. Questions followed as to different expenses associated with this study and the project. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Francis to move forward with Phase 2 with Mannik Smith Group on the Michigan Tavern property, not to exceed \$10,500.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Francis, Clements, Montri & Steiner. Nays: Tienvieri & Hershberger. Absent: none. Hershberger voted no because she didn’t feel the Township should pay for the Phase 2.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OUTSTANDING INVOICES**- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$73,995.45, Fire District-\$31,188.80, Police Fund-\$2,069.47, Park Fund-\$1,138.05, Library Operating Fund-\$8,293.79, Water Revenue Fund-\$932.50, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$675.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$431,268.04, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$74,471.38 for a total of \$624,032.48. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL FOR VILLAGE MEADOWS SUBDIVISION, PLAT IV – Hershberger noted the Developer had submitted all payments, bonds, submittals, and approvals from the Drain and Road Commissions and all was in order to move forward. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner for Final Plat approval for Village Meadows, Plat IV, as all materials has been submitted and payments have been made. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Steiner, Montri, Francis, Tienvieri, Clements & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REZONING FROM AG, AGRICULTURAL, TO R-2A, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, ON PARCEL #5802-014-030-00 & #5802-014-032-10 (9696 LEWIS AVENUE & VACANT PARCEL TO THE EAST) – Tony Brescol, Attorney for the applicant Kimberly Spice, answered Board questions. Tienvieri felt a R-1 zoning was more suitable for the area. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve to rezone from AG to R-1, single-family residential district, parcels 5802-014-030-00 and 5802-014-032-10, otherwise known as 9696 Lewis Avenue, based upon the recommendations of Township consultants Mannik Smith and their report. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

TMACOG 2019/2020 MEMBERSHIP – Prieur, who sits on the TMAGOC Executive Committee, spoke to the benefits vs. the limitations of joining TMACOG. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Hershberger to not move forward with the TMACOG membership. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Hershberger, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Francis. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – congratulated Hershberger on becoming a Certified Michigan Municipal Clerk as she knows it is a difficult long process; thanked the Board for their commitment to reciting the Pledge of Allegiance each meeting to honor our Country as some other cities have banned this from their meetings; acknowledged her faith in God comes first in her life and therefore does not apologize for mentioning God at a Board meeting; continues to be against the Roundabout project; and is working to bring different Ordinances back to future meetings to be updated.

Steiner – stated the city Tienvieri mentioned changed their minds and brought the Pledge back, noted the Pledge itself mentions God and congratulated Hershberger for her hard work in becoming a CMMC.

Francis – congratulated Hershberger and thanked Chief Massingill and his Committee for all the hard work they put into investigating and ordering the Fire Truck.

Hershberger – mentioned the old election laptops are not worth much, but she will try to sell them for \$50.00 each. She will hold onto some in case the Board would like to switch to paperless packets.

Pirrone – thanked Massingill for his hard work in the purchase of the Fire Truck; congratulated Hershberger; reminded residents of the service provided at Mulch King; mentioned road closures are listed on the Township website and that work is still ongoing on Whiteford Center Road.

**ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary