

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
January 7, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

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

ABSENT: Craig Montri, Trustee

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 Bob Tienvieri.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The December 17, 2019 Township Board Minutes;

Reappointment of Maryanne Bourque as an Alternate to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 2nd term ending 12/31/2022;

Acceptance with regret, the resignation of Dennis Jenkins from the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, effective immediately;

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

PRESENTATIONS

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP SHERIFF'S DEPUTY OF THE YEAR – DEPUTY STEVE WARREN

Hershberger read and presented a Resolution honoring Steve Warren as Bedford Township's Deputy of the Year. The Board stood and applauded.

PROMOTION & SWEARING-IN CEREMONY FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

FIREFIGHTERS – Chief Massingill presented the three candidates who are being promoted to Lieutenant: Firefighter/Paramedic Robert VanKlingeren, Firefighter/EMT John Bills, and Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Konieczny. Hershberger swore them in and they each received their pin. The Board applauded and congratulated them.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

STAFF REPORTS

APPROVAL FOR A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS FIRST RESPONDER OFFENSIVE

COURSE – Massingill explained the training and mentioning that a hazmat event has the potential to seriously impact the community as well as the responders. The Fire Department would use revenue generated from training classes they have taught to cover the cost of this course. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the Fire Chief's request for training from Federal Resources in the amount of \$5,950.00 with the details to be set-up at a later date. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Montri.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$79,695.45, Fire District-\$40,699.66, Police Fund-\$251.80, Park Fund-\$1,486.34, Library Operating Fund-\$2,047.63, Indian Acres-\$2,606.40, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$8,193.75, Springbrook SAD-\$2,970.33, Lewiston Estates SAD-\$802,255.92, Stonegate SAD-\$580.75, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$576.12, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$13,497.49, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,116.76 for a total of \$955,978.40. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Montri.

APPOINTMENT OF JEFF WILSON TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A 1ST TERM ENDING 12/31/2022 – Pirrone disclosed that Jeff Wilson is his brother-in-law, but he does not believe this presents a conflict. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to appoint Jeff Wilson to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a three-year term, ending 12/31/2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Francis, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Montri.

UPDATE ON THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) – Discussion ensued regarding the possible need to have a professional company help with the plan and the cost associated with this. Board members agreed a plan is needed and in order to stay on track and save the Township money, the CIP Committee would continue to meet and put together a skeleton plan which could then be reviewed by a professional. Hershberger mentioned she will need to step back from the committee soon due to the demands of the upcoming elections. Tienvieri volunteered to join the committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Barry Quattromani, 6800 Summerlyn Lakes – explained the different types of maintenance programs.

Logan Tisdale, 1308 Brandywine – congratulated Deputy Warren and the 3 Firefighters who received promotions.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Steiner – commended the Fire Department, thanked the Chief for his weekly reports and his leadership, and spoke positively about the Hazmat training.

Tienvieri – mentioned she is concerned about not having the Audit report yet and about the budget adjustment discussions. The Trustees duty is to be responsible for the fiduciary health of the Township and she feels the Board needs to take a look at the current account procedures. She also commended the young people who came to the meeting.

Clements – agrees the Trustees biggest responsibility is oversight and feels he needs more clarity on the recent budget adjustments, commended the Board for deciding to continue working on the CIP, congratulated Deputy Warren and the three Fire Officers promoted and mentioned the show of comradery he noticed by the number of fellow deputies and firefighter that came to the meeting for support.

Francis – mentioned the Audit was filed with the State in a timely manner and that he has reviewed the Audit which should be delivered soon and be given to each Trustee.

Hershberger – mentioned she has also spoken to the Auditors and they do not plan to officially present the Audit to the Board at a meeting, but will be available to answer questions. She plans to put an RFP out for future auditing services. She then congratulated Deputy Warren and the three Fire Department Officers.

Pirrone – mentioned he has received many calls regarding drain blockage and suggested residents do their best to keep their ditches clear; the MI Tavern demolition should be starting on Monday; there was a water leak in the Township parking lot which he had fixed; any residents interested in serving on Township committees should stop by the Clerk’s department; and mentioned the Township only provides the site for the weekly recycling and that the program is a county program which is offered through a grant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary