

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
February 4, 2020 - 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: 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 Greg Killinen, Bridgepoint Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone added 8H – approval to have Township Attorney amend the Library Advisory Board policy. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The January 21, 2020 Township Board Minutes;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$60,653.98, Fire District-\$6,290.29, Police Fund-\$1,813.56, Park Fund-\$5,888.46, Fire Equipment-\$30,036.82, Library Operating Fund-\$5,266.75, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$52.66, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$63,815.29, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$2,605.26 for a total of \$176,423.07. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Clements, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN RESOLUTIONS – Hershberger explained the Township self-funds these Special Assessments to save the residents bonding fees. All of these funds will be paid back, but the State requires a Resolution since they are carried on the books as a deficit. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Chapel Creek Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Wild Haven Park Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Indian Acres Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Montri, Steiner, Clements & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Sandywell Drive Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Mohawk Trail Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Lewiston Estates Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Giant Oaks Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Springbrook Subdivision Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the Resolution approving the Mildred Avenue Deficit Elimination Plan, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETLIGHT AT 3619 STERNS ROAD, LAMBERTVILLE – Hershberger informed the Board that Pastor Withrow, Assembly of Christians Church, has requested a streetlight be installed at the exit of the church located at 3619 West Sterns Road. They are willing to pay the \$100.00 installation cost and the assessment which will be charged each year on their tax bill. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the streetlight being placed in front of Assembly of Christians Church. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Francis & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPOINTMENT OF JERRY GOODRIDGE TO THE FIRE ADVISORY BOARD FOR A 1ST TERM ENDING 12/31/2021 – Tienvieri questioned this appointment as Goodridge already serves on two other Commissions and she would like to give other residents a chance to serve. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to appoint Jerry Goodridge to the Fire Advisory Board for a term ending 12/31/2021. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO RESERVE FOUR TABLES AT THE BEDFORD TRADE FAIR – This request is for four tables to be used by the Fire Department, Park Commission, Ordinance Department and the Township at a cost of \$1,180.00. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Pirrone to approve the reservation for four tables at the Bedford Trade Fair, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Pirrone, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Clements & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF A PAY INCREASE FOR THERESE VITALE, ASSESSING DEPARTMENT Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to accept the proposal by the Assessing Department to increase the pay rate for Therese Vitale by \$2.00 per hour based on the fact that she

has now received her MCAO number 2 certificate. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SUPPORT FOR THE SECOND AMENDMENT IN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Montri brought this to the Board as a symbolic resolution to communicate support for the Second Amendment. Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Steiner to approve the Resolution to declare support for the Second Amendment in Bedford Township, as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Montri, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO HAVE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY AMEND THE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD POLICY – Pirrone would like to update the policy and clear up some of the confusion on the process on how things should be handled. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to allow Township Attorney to reword some of the parts of the Library Advisory Board Agreement to further explain the role of the Township Board and the Library Advisory Board and to remove some contradictory language. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Francis, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – asked Montri who he would like the Second Amendment Resolution forwarded to. Montri will email Hershberger with a list of who he would like it to be sent to.

Steiner – warned residents to be careful with the forecast of inclement weather.

Montri – thanked the Board for approving the Second Amendment Resolution.

Francis – reminded residents that Real Estate taxes are due on February 14th and that tax deferrals are available for qualifying residents. RSVP will be assisting these residents by appointment the next two weeks.

Hershberger – let residents know that ballots have been mailed out to absentee voters who have requested them and she explained the new envelopes that are being used; mentioned sample ballots are available on the website or at the Clerk’s office; and reminded residents that the Township will be closed Monday, February 17th in observance of Presidents Day.

Pirrone – congratulated Sylvia Pierce, Bedford’s first girls wrestling state champ; asked residents to follow the instructions when recycling behind the Township Hall; reported the Fire Station renovation is moving along well; mentioned Tomahawk Archers is having a Milkweed N Milkjug event; and stated he will be bringing information to the next board meeting regarding road improvements to Adler and Crabb Roads.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary