

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
March 3, 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: 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 Fire Captain Phil Dale.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Pirrone added a Presentation by Dr. Kojo Quartey and a Monroe County Road Commission contract as item 8G. 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, Tienvieri, Montri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The February 18, 2020 Township Board Minutes;

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

**PRESENTATIONS** – Dr. Kojo Quartey, President Monroe Community College gave an update on the college and assured the Board of the College’s commitment to keeping the Whitman Center open and being a part of the Bedford community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT**- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$85,542.94, Fire District-\$21,707.19, Police Fund-\$157.86, Park Fund-\$2,004.17, Library Operating Fund-\$5,415.49, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$622.25 Springbrook SAD-\$198.00, Lewiston Estates SAD-\$93,553.21, Stonegate SAD-\$3,091.96, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$193.69, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$5,294.74 & Trust and Agency Fund-\$702.44 for a total of \$218,483.94. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER 2 & 3 FOR RENOVATIONS ON FIRE STATION 1 (TWO SEPARATE MOTIONS)** – Architect Jim Jacobs explained change order 2 is due to changing the entryway out of the classrooms because of a difference in existing elevations. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the recommended change order 2 for an increase to the contract of \$220.15, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Change order 3 is to fill in attic space above the ceiling. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve change order 3 which is an increase in the amount not to exceed \$16,499.00 with the new contract sum of \$708,508.15, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**PRELIMINARY PUD APPROVAL FOR OLDE FARM ESTATES, PARCEL 5802-032-055-65 STERNS ROAD, EAST OF SECOR ROAD** – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by

Clements to approve the request from Lambertville Mixed Use, LLC, for preliminary approval for a 28-unit, two-family Planned Unit Development condominium project, located on the south side of Sterns Road, east of Secor Road, parcel 5802-032-055-65, on vacant land, Lambertville, Michigan contingent upon addressing all issues and obtaining approval from the reviewing agencies, including the Monroe County Drain Commission, the Monroe County Road Commission, Mannik Smith Group, and the Fire Department review letters. Prior to any final PUD consideration, the applicant shall prepare a PUD agreement and all necessary condominium documents shall be submitted and approved by the Township Attorney; the Special Assessment District for street lighting shall be entered into between the Township and the Developer; all color scheme, building materials and building renderings shall be submitted; a narrative shall be prepared and submitted to the Township; a landscaping and buffering plan shall be submitted; and a Condominium Association shall be established. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner, Montri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A FIRE PROTECTION PROPOSAL ON THE 2020 AUGUST PRIMARY BALLOT – Goldsmith explained the current millage of 1 mill expires at the end of 2020 and this proposal would be a new millage of up to 1.75 mills. Much discussion regarding ballot language and being transparent to the voters followed. It was decided the main reason to ask for an increase in the millage was to continue to provide Advanced Life Support, especially once the Grant money runs out for the full-time firefighters. Therefore, the language allowing for funds to be used for a new building site was taken out. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Montri to approve the ballot language with the purpose of providing funds to the Bedford Township Fire Department to be used for general operations including continuation of Advanced Life Support Services, capital expenditures, and for maintenance or improvements to Fire Department building and equipment. The estimated revenue for the first year of the levy, if the proposition is approved, shall be approximately \$2,086,520.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri, Francis, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Steiner to adopt the Resolution to approve and submit to the Monroe County Clerk for placement on the August Primary ballot the Fire Protection Proposal with the verbiage just approved by the Township Board. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACT FOR GUARDRAIL REPAIR ON CRABB ROAD – Pirrone explained the MCRC is going to fix the guardrail through their Maintenance Department at no cost to the Township. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the contract proposed by the MCRC for guardrail repair on Crabb Road from US 24 to Sterns Road; the total contract amount is \$20,882.00 of which the Road Commission will fund 100 percent. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACT FOR EXCESS GRADALL WORK ON VARIOUS ROADS – This is to partner with the Road Commission to fund any emergency drainage, tile work, or ditching that needs to be done. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Clements to approve the proposed contract with the Road Commission for excess gradall and various ditching projects throughout the Township in the amount of \$5,000.00 in which the Township pays 100 percent. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Francis, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF MONROE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION CONTRACT – At the last Township meeting the Board approved a mowing contract with Precision Irrigation, but since the Road Commission actually makes the payment to Precision, the Road Commission would like a contract signed between the Township and the Road Commission. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the contract with the Monroe County Road Commission for mowing: first cutting in the Spring to center of ditch, second cutting in the Summer to the backside of the ditch, and the third cutting in the Fall to both sides of the ditch in the amount of \$23,600.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Francis, Montri, Clements, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Ken Gonyea, 8311 Lambert – spoke in favor of the Fire Department millage.

Matthew Angerer, 10034 Douglas – announced his candidacy for Township Trustee.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – mentioned Angerer is the Chairman of the Planning Commission and an excellent leader and she is attending a Capital Improvement Session and hopes to bring good information back to the Planning Commission and the Capital Improvement Plan Committee from it.

Steiner – due to the recent health issues in the news, he reminded residents to be diligent and follow the guidelines set forth to prevent the spread of disease.

Francis – reminded resident that yesterday was the final day to pay their taxes at the Township, therefore, all payments now need to be made to the County Treasurer who can help work out payment plans.

Clements – thanked the Board for the thoughtful discussion on the Fire Department millage, was encouraged by the repair of the guardrail on Crabb Road as it eliminates a safety issue, and congratulated Angerer on his announcement.

Montri – appreciated Dr. Kojo and his commitment to the Whitman Center.

Hershberger – reminded residents the next Board meeting will not be until March 24<sup>th</sup>, due to the upcoming election; the Township Newsletter has come out and will be part of the Bedford Press; the election is next Tuesday, March 10, polls will be open from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., absentee ballots are still available, the Clerk's department will be open this Saturday from 8:00 to 4:00, mentioned if a voter has already voted and their candidate has dropped out, they can come in to spoil their ballot and be issued a new one at the Clerk's department; and she wished her mom a happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Pirrone – since March is reading month, he suggested everyone visit the Library; the concrete at the Library will be torn up tomorrow by Local 886 to be repaired; the Trade Fair will be March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers; the Township lighting problems are being worked on; and he appreciates all the hard work the Fire Chief has done for the department.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary