

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
June 2, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk  
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer

TC Clements, Trustee  
Craig Montri, Trustee  
Rick Steiner, Trustee  
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 Bob Tienvieri.

**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, Clements, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The May 19, 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, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – none.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT COURTESY NOTICE FOR A VIOLATION** –

The Ordinance Department plans to first knock on the resident’s door to explain the violation. If they get no answer, they will then send the courtesy notice out with the full Ordinance. This notice is not a replacement of anonymity of residents calling in, it just allows the Ordinance Department to educate residents of a violation without a neighbor calling in to complain. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the Bedford Township Courtesy Notice for a violation of a Township Ordinance, as submitted in the packet. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Jandasek, Montri, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION OF INCREASED AMOUNT ON SHERIFF’S INVOICE** - Chief Deputy Jeff Pauli

explained the increase. The Township and County split the compensation of deputies with the Township paying 80% and the County paying 20%. This compensation includes benefits and the increase is based on an actuary study on the retiree health care benefits. Pirrone and Clements will meet with Pauli and Bosanac, Monroe County Chief Financial Officer, to gather the facts and come up with options to bring back to the next board meeting.

**VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT**- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to

approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$42,975.94, Fire District-\$22,936.84, Police Fund-\$2,808.92, Park Fund-\$244.32, Library Operating Fund-\$4,939.92, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$308,510.30, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$138.01, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$38,288.11 for a total of \$420,842.36. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION DUES FOR JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021 – Discussion ensued regarding the different packages offered. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the Township paying \$6,771.04 for annual dues to the Michigan Township Association from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 and also to include the premium pass with all courses included for \$1,900.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Clements, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none. It was stressed, that employees and board members, in particular new members, should be encouraged to take classes, especially on-line classes.

RENEWAL OF DELTA DENTAL CONTRACT FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP FROM JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021 – Hershberger mentioned the prices are the same as last year. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the Delta Dental Contract for the period from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Tienvieri, Clements, Jandasek, Montri, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF A SALARY AND BENEFIT PACKAGE FOR THE DEPUTY TREASURER – Since Nicole Knapp has over a year of experience working in the Treasurer's office, Jandasek requested she receive the current Deputy salary plus benefits. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve a salary of \$45,000.00 plus benefits for Deputy Treasurer, Nicole Knapp effective as of June 1, 2020 with it increasing to the current Deputy salary in November if the election confirms she will be continuing in the position. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

FINANCING OF THE RENOVATIONS/REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION 1 – Discussion on whether to finance the project and the banks terms to finance. Hershberger and Goldsmith are going to speak to the Bond attorney and report back to the Board.

DISCUSSION ON WHEN TO REOPEN THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING TO THE PUBLIC – Some Board members feel the Township building should be open to the public, while others are concerned about safety and liability. Goldsmith recommended a plan with protocols be developed and brought to the Board for approval before moving forward. Pirrone, Hershberger and Jandasek will work together with Fire Chief Massingill to come up with a plan and bring it to the next Board meeting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jodi Russ, 1273 Winding Way – on behalf of the Bedford Library, she wanted to let the community know the Library was opening for curbside pickup only, starting on June 8<sup>th</sup>. The building is still not ready to reopen safely to the public, so no patrons will be allowed to go into the building. The Library is also not taking any donations of material until further notice.

#### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Montri – questioned when the Board meetings could go back to live meetings, asked about mosquito dunks and stated Rights of American citizens are not derived from a Governor.

Clements – mentioned the Township parks are now all open.

Jandasek – thanked Board members for approving Nikki's salary and benefit package and mentioned her department will be printing tax bills starting next week as they will be going out July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Hershberger – let residents know the Hazardous Waste collection day has been postponed; the Township Newsletter will be in the next issue of the Bedford Press; mentioned permanent absentee ballot applications have been mailed out so voters need to call her office if they have not received theirs; asked voters to sign the form twice, by both the X in the middle of the page and again by the X at the bottom of the page; and welcomed Krista to the Board.

Pirrone – stated he was proud of the Sheriff's department; let residents know there is an organized protest planned for tomorrow at the corner of Secor and Sterns area; mentioned the budget process was difficult for the Board as employees had be cut; feels the Board needs to do what is best for the public with respect to opening the Township building and mentioned it was the Park Board who decide to close and open the Parks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary