

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 12, 2020 - 2:00 p.m.
VIA VIDEO-CONFERENCING

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee (via tele-conference)
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor (via tele-conference)	Craig Montri, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith & Tom Graham Township Attorneys; Patrick McGow, Miller Canfield - Bond Counsel

The Special Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – none.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF THE FINANCING FOR THE RENOVATIONS TO FIRE STATION 1 – Goldsmith explained the Township Board has two options: they could pay for the renovations out of the General fund which would dangerously reduce the fund below the level the Board likes to maintain, or they could choose to finance the project. Hershberger and Jandasek worked with McGow to secure some bank proposals. Huntington Bank offered the lowest rates for either ten-year or seven-year financing. If the Board chose this agreement, they could close on June 30th which would allow them to repay the General fund for invoices already paid and to have the monies in an account and available to pay future invoices. Motion was made by Jandasek, seconded by Steiner to approve the installment purchase agreement with Huntington Bank with a term of seven years at 2.13%, which could be paid off after five years without a prepayment penalty. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Jandasek, Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Bond Counsel engagement letter with Miller Canfield in the amount of \$5,500.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DISCUSSION/APPROVAL OF SHERIFF'S INVOICE – Pirrone, Clements and Tienvieri met with the County to discuss the increase in the invoice and were offered two possible options. The Township could remove two officers from the Township's contract at this time which would reduce the cost, or the Township could choose to keep the Officers and wait to see how much the state-shared revenue decreases. If in a few months the Township decides the Township cannot continue to pay this added cost, the County has offered to remove those two Officers at that time and defer payment for 18 months. This buys the Township time. Tienvieri would like more written information. Clements is worried about the loss in coverage, especially at this time. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to accept the additional Sheriff's Department Employee Retirement Payment as discussed with their accounting firm and administrator provided that it will

be deferred for 18 months as discussed and that this Board, no later than January 1st, 2021, will revisit the cost of policing and updates in retiree expenses and make further analysis as to appropriate policing levels. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: none. Tienvieri voted nay as she feels it is irresponsible to vote on something with no written documentation.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Jandasek – thanked Goldsmith, Graham and McGow for their help with the financing for the Fire Station.

Goldsmith – thanked Hershberger & Jandasek for stepping up to the plate as well and helping to quickly bring a very viable option for financing to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary