

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 16, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.

MEETING HELD THROUGH MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING

PRESENT:	TC Clements, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	Craig Montri, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Rick Steiner, Trustee
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney; Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

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 Phil Goldsmith.

PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – is concerned the Township will not be able to live within the proposed budget.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Tienvieri to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Jandasek, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Discussion followed over changes/corrections the Board would still like to see in the budget. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to postpone the decision on the budget until a special meeting can be called prior to June 30th, so the Board members can have the actual documentation in front of them with correct figures. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none. This special meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 SPECIAL FUND BUDGET – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to open the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Montri, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

No public comment.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to close the public hearing. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Jandasek, Montri, Clements, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Tienvieri to also postpone the decision on the Special Funds budget until the special meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Montri, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Steiner, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone added the replacement of a culvert on Minx Road to the agenda and Hershberger added the resignation of the Finance Director, effective June 29th to the consent agenda. Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Steiner to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri Clements, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- The June 2, 2020 Township Board Minutes;
- The General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD reports from the Treasurer;
- The Revenue/Expense report and Balance sheet for the period ending May 31, 2020;
- Acceptance with regret the resignation of John Bates, Jr. from the Downtown Development Authority, effective immediately;
- Acceptance with regret the resignation of David Manning as Finance Director, effective June 29, 2020;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – commented on the amount of the current budget adjustments. Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – commented on the layoffs.

STAFF REPORTS

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET – Tienvieri agreed with Frederick that these adjustments should have been made prior to being spent. Hershberger agreed and mentioned the new Policy manual, which was recently approved, addresses this issue plus budget reports are now being sent out weekly. Steiner will work on developing a new format for overseeing the budget and suggested department heads meet monthly to discuss them. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Resolution to amend the budget in fiscal year 2019-2020, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Tienvieri, Clements, Steiner & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2019-2020 SPECIAL FUND BUDGET – Hershberger explained the adjustments. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Resolution amending the 2019-2020 Special Revenue Funds, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT - Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$65,632.80, Fire District-\$40,647.77, Police Fund-\$665.67, Park Fund-\$4,685.86, Transit System Fund-\$32,387.00, Library Operating Fund-\$7,798.38, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$925.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,510.15, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$6,400.08 for a total of \$160,652.71. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPOINTMENT OF TWO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to accept the appointment of Firefighter-Critical Care Paramedic Jacob Munger and EMT James Koenigseker as volunteer firefighters. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO SELL THE 2006 CHEVY/MCCOY-MILLER AMBULANCE FOR \$10,000.00 Due to the age of this vehicle, Massingill recommended accepting this offer. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the sale of the 2006 Chevy/McCoy-Miller ambulance in the amount of \$10,000.00 to T-Line EV. This offer is good for 45 days and with this approval

the Chief can enter into the agreement. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL FOR NETWORK SECURITY FIREWALL FOR FIRE STATION 1 – Massingill mentioned this is needed to provide interconnectivity between the Stations and also security protection for Station 1. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the request to pay for the listed technology services from IT Right for a total of \$780.00 for Fire Station 1. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

FINAL PUD APPROVAL FOR OLDE FARM ESTATES, PARCEL 5802-032-055-65 – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the request from Lambertville Mixed Uses, LLC, for Final PUD approval, a 28-unit site condominium Planned Unit Development project on parcel 5802-032-055-65, located on the south side of Sterns Road, east of Secor Road, Lambertville, conditioned upon addressing all issues and concerns prior to any development as stated in the MCDC, Mannik Smith Group, MCRC and the Bedford Township Fire Department review letters. A Special Assessment District for street lighting shall be entered into between the Township and the developer, and the PUD agreement and master deed shall be submitted to the Township Attorney and Mannik Smith Group for review and approval. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Jandasek, Clements, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REZONING OF PARCEL 5802-032-055-65 FROM RT, TWO-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to approve the request from Lambertville Mixed Use, LLC to rezone from RT, Two-family Residential, to PUD, Planned Unit Development, for Olde Farm Estates, for a 28-unit site condominium Planned Unit Development project on parcel 5802-032-055-65, located on the south side of Sterns Road, east of Secor Road, Lambertville. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri, Clements, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REPEAL ALL PRIOR EDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS OF ORDINANCE 58 AND REPLACE IT WITH AMENDMENT TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE 58A-6 – Goldsmith explained this was prepared through consultation with the Planning department and engineers from EGLE and it needs to be adopted before June 19th, 2020. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to repeal the Ordinance, including all prior editions and amendments to part 215, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 58, and replace it with Part 215, Amendment to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Number 58A-6, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Jandasek, Clements, Steiner, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

LAYOFF OF FOUR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES – Pirrone explained these layoffs are needed to help reduce expenditures in the new budget year. The layoffs include Alan Matlow from the Assessing department, Adam Truna from the Maintenance department, Tom Redmond from the Ordinance department and Cindy Baum from the Treasurers department. Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Pirrone to approve the four layoffs, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Montri, Pirrone, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Jandasek & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DISCUSSION ON THE REOPENING OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL – Fire Chief Massingill explained that numerous Executive Orders are in place dictating the opening of Government offices and some of the requirements needed. Board members discussed being bound to follow the

law and to the difficulty acquiring the necessary supplies and implementing the mandated guidelines.

REPLACEMENT OF MINX ROAD CULVERT AT RABIDEAU DRAIN SHARING THE COST WITH ERIE TOWNSHIP – Pirrone explained the culvert collapsed, forcing the road to be closed. Since Minx Road is on the Township line between Bedford and Erie Township, the MCDC would prepare a 425 Agreement and the two Townships would split the cost. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Tienvieri to partner with Erie Township on the Minx Road culvert replacement, contingent upon the approval of Erie Township's portion being shared with us in the amount of \$3,900.00 apiece. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Jandasek & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – questioned the choice of people to be laid off and mentioned mosquito dunks could be purchased at the local hardware store.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek Drive – mentioned the laying off of four employees will result in reduced services to the community; suggested contacting MTA for protocol on opening the building; and spoke to the budget and spending.

Scott Garrity, 9238 Castlebury Drive – read an email response from Montri and as a concerned voter, he would like to know where other Board members stand on Facebook postings.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Montri – likes the idea of the Township using purchase orders.

Steiner – regarding the budget, he would like to see a format to be viewed monthly by the three full-time elected officials and department heads and then quarterly special meetings so the whole board can review the budget to keep on track; and mentioned Chief Massingill did refer to MTA and the CDC guidelines for the opening of the Township building.

Jandasek – let residents know that summer tax bills will be mailed out July 1st, the Treasurer's department is now offering paperless sewer e-billing at zero cost to the Township and residents just need to contact her office for the form to get started.

Hershberger – informed voters who would like to vote absentee and have not received an application yet that they should contact her office; assured voters that steps are taken to ensure ballot secrecy when processing the absentee ballots; and mentioned she is still looking for election workers and if interested a resident should contact her office.

Pirrone – asked residents to support the Bedford businesses as they open up; shared a success story of a immigrant from Syria who now owns a barber shop in town and has become a US citizen; spoke to the budget cuts; mentioned the maintenance lay-off was done by seniority; and addressed a comment made regarding the roundabout benefitting a builder.

Clements – congratulated and welcomed Jacob Munger and James Koenigseker to the Bedford Fire Department; spoke to how COVID has forced the Board to dramatically reduce the budget; and mentioned this year's theme has been frustration and hopes people just begin to start listening to each other.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary