

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
July 7, 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; Barry Buschmann, Mannik & Smith; 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, a moment of silence was offered for TPD officer Anthony Dia and Prayer was led by Bob Tienvieri.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 8G Roundabout Discussion, 8H Opening of Township Hall and 8I Resolution to Establish Procedure for the Processing of Requests for Text Change Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- The June 12, 2020 special Township Board meeting minutes;
- The June 16, 2020 regular Township Board meeting minutes;
- The June 22, 2020 special Township Board meeting minutes;
- Acceptance with regret, the resignation of Nate Elarton from the Communication/Media committee, effective immediately;
- Appointment of Erica Murawski to the Downtown Development Committee for a partial term ending 12/31/2021;

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

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – commented on the roundabout, library lighting and Mulch King.

STAFF REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

UPDATE ON MULCH KING – Pirrone explained that Mulch King is having their site plan reviewed, and will be meeting with the Planning Department in the next two weeks. Goldsmith commented that Mulch King was not compliant with their original final site plan approval and planning and ordinance have been striving to obtain compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$60,696.09, Fire District-\$26,789.19, Police Fund-\$317.98, Park Fund-\$5,295.79, Fire Equipment-\$874.94, Transit System Fund-\$75.00, Library Operating Fund-\$60,604.53, Mohawk Trail SAD-\$426.13, Lewiston Estates

SAD-\$532.00, Stonegate SAD-\$148.75, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$971.35, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$4,571.15 & Trust and Agency Fund-\$1,091.25 for a total of \$162,394.15, with a change made in bill line item. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP IMPROVEMENT REVOLVING FUND – Hershberger stated the fund is to be used for capital improvements. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the resolution to establish Township Improvement Revolving Fund. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes; Hershberger, Clements, Montri, Jandasek, Steiner, Tienvieri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DIRECTION ON A REZONING REQUEST FROM R-2A, ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ON 5802-105-023-00, 5802-105-025-00 & 5802-105-026-00, LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF SECOR ROAD, SOUTH OF SMITH ROAD – Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve moving forward to the Planning Commission the Rezoning Request from R-2A, one-family residential to RM-2, multi-family residential on 5802-105-023-00, 5802-105-025-00 and 5802-105-026-00, located on the east side of Secor Road, south of Smith Road. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Jandasek, Montri, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF A CHANGE TO THE CONSUMERS ENERGY STANDARD LIGHTING CONTRACT –Hershberger explained that as streetlights go out and are replaced with new LED lighting the Board must authorize the change. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Clements to approve the change to the Consumers Energy Standard Lighting Contract. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Clements, Steiner, Montri, Tienvieri, Jandasek & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO REPLACE 12 RECESSED CAN LIGHTS AND TROUBLE SHOOT PARABOLIC FIXTURES AT THE BEDFORD BRANCH LIBRARY –Pirrone explained that new can lights are needed as current ballast cannot tolerate the new LED lights that are being replaced in the library, only one bid was received from GLIC Electrical Services for \$1850.24. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Steiner to deny the approval and put out for bid the replacement of 12 recessed can lights and troubleshoot parabolic fixtures of which will be placed on the August 11, 2020 board meeting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Jandasek, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none

APPROVAL TO NAME CHRISTINE EICHLER AS BEDFORD TOWNSHIP'S CERTIFIED ASSESSOR – Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Steiner to name Christine Eichler as Certified Assessor. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Montri, Steiner, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Clements, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DISCUSSION ON ROUNDABOUT- Barry Buschmann of Mannik & Smith updated the board on the current situation of the Roundabout, informing them of added unforeseen costs and current funding of the Roundabout. Seven options for moving forward were presented to the board and it was decided that the Supervisor, Mr. Buschmann, the attorneys, and Steiner and or Tienvieri would set up a meeting with the Road Commission to discuss the viable options.

OPENING OF TOWNSHIP HALL- Pirrone explained that he and Chief Massingill have been in discussions this week regarding the reopening of the government center. Chief Massingill informed the board that they have reviewed CDC guidelines, OSHA requirements and Governor's executive orders. Board members discussed steps that will need to be in place before opening, the time it will take to ready the government center for opening to the public and or for opening to appointments only. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the opening of the government center to appointments only with the three full-time elected officials determining how this would work. Friendly amendment was added by Steiner to include with the assurance that policy has been approved by both Chief Massingill and OSHA. Hershberger stated

that the next phase to reopen would have to come back to the Board for approval. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Hershberger, Steiner, Jandasek. Nays: Pirrone Absent: none. Pirrone asked that it be noted his no vote was due to the lack of appointment of a third supervisor.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURE FOR THE PROCESSING OF REQUESTS FOR TEXT CHANGE AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE-Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to adopt the Resolution to Establish Procedure for the Processing of Requests for Text Change Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Hershberger, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Jandasek & Pirrone. Nays: non. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Gail Keane- 1056 W.Temperance - voiced complaint over the origination of the roundabout and the reopening of government center.

LaMar Frederick- 3254 Deer Creek Drive – inquired for a full account of money spent on roundabout and the hiring of additional employees to staff reopening.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Montri – recommended the literary work The Emperor’s New Clothes by Hans Christian Anderson

Clements – no comments

Steiner – no comments

Tienvieri – informed that she had emailed a draft of the capital improvement plan and budget to the Board for their review and asked for feedback. She also commented that the Board serves the public and that the public have a right to be served by the building.

Hershberger – noted that her office has received multiple ballots and applications and urged the public to be patient as her office works through all of them. To date 26,931 applications were sent out and 4,722 ballots have been issued which is extremely higher than the previous Primary and General elections.

Jandasek – commented that tax bills were mailed out and if the public had not received their tax bill to contact her office. She also offered her condolences to the Dia family over their loss of Officer Anthony Dia.

Pirrone – spoke to Facebook comments regarding the maintenance of parks and how they have not been affected by employee layoffs and how some layoffs needed to happen. He noted that no ordinance officers work full-time and that the Road Commission approached the Township about applying for the roundabout grant. He closed by stating that opening the government center is a tough decision and stated a reminder to all candidates running for office to keep their signs out of the road right-of -way.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Angie Dec
Admin. Assistant/Recording Secretary