

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
July 21, 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	Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer	Rick Steiner, Trustee (joined the meeting at 7:10 after having technical difficulties)

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 Phil Goldsmith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Hershberger added 8F – Hiring temporary help in the Finance Department. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda with the one noted addition. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Steiner.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

- The minutes of the July 7, 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 June 30, 2020;
- Appointment of Kevin Laderach to the Downtown Development Committee to replace Michelle Rice for a partial term ending 12/31/2020;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – commented on agenda items 8A, 8B, 8D & 8E.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek Dr.- spoke to the General Fund balance and a grievance filed against the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT - Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$92,676.55, Fire District-\$20,089.72, Police Fund-\$2,510.31, Park Fund-\$1,118.12, Transit System Fund-\$9,901.00, Library Operating Fund-\$637.86, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$440,235.34, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$97.00 for a total of \$567,265.90. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

REZONING OF PARCEL 5802-105-023-00, 5802-105-025-00 & 5802-105-026-00 (EAST SIDE OF SECOR ROAD, SOUTH OF SMITH ROAD) FROM R-2A, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO RM-2, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL – Tienvieri explained the request, mentioning the concern regarding more traffic in this area. She noted that it is up to the Road Commission to solve traffic issues, not property owners. Scott Bollin, representative for the property owner, answered questions via telephone on drainage. Motion was made by Tienvieri seconded by Steiner to approve the request from Kimlin Development to rezone from R-2A,

Single-family Residential to RM-2, Multi-family Residential on parcel numbers 5802-105-023-00, otherwise known as 6508 Secor Road, 5802-105-025-00, otherwise known as 6500 Secor road and a vacant parcel 5802-105-026-00, located on the east side of Secor Road, south of Smith Road as it is consistent with the Township's Master Plan goals and policies; it follows the Master Plan future land use; it provides for suitable transitional uses between the local business land uses located at the intersection of Smith and Secor and the nearby single-family residential uses; it is supported by nearby utility infrastructure; and adequate room is afforded by the parcels to not only preserve the site's natural features, but also to alleviate some of the possible negative impacts of the potential higher density residential uses with any lower intensity uses through screening and landscaping. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

The meeting was interrupted prior to this roll call vote to allow the media director to reboot the tricaster as there was some technical difficulty streaming the meeting on YouTube. This corrected the issue.

SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP AND THE MONROE CONSERVATION DISTRICT - Motion was made by Steiner seconded by Tienvieri to enter into the Bedford Township and Monroe Conservation District Service Agreement for the amount of \$1,000.00 effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Montri, Clements, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION TO PLACE LAW ENFORCEMENT RENEWAL PROPOSAL ON THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT – Hershberger explained this is a renewal of the existing millage, it would go on the November ballot and if passed would be assessed on the December tax bill this year. Because it is a renewal it has the Headlee rollover and reduces the amount from .4 mills to .3896 mills. Steiner mentioned this renews the additional deputies over and above what the Township pays for out of the General Fund. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Resolution for the ballot language for the Law Enforcement Renewal to appear on the November 3rd, 2020 General Election ballot. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Jandasek, Steiner, Montri, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DIRECTION ON WHETHER TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE WHICH WOULD ALLOW ZOOS IN AN AGRICULTURAL ZONED DISTRICT AFTER SPECIAL USE APPROVAL – Goldsmith explained there is currently no Bedford Township Ordinance which makes provision for a zoo in any zoning district and this would legitimize the zoos in the Township at their current locations. The Ordinance could allow for zoos in Agricultural zoning districts after special use approval and provide for reasonable standards. The existing zoos would not need to go through the special use approval, but if they decided to expand and put up a new structure which would be open to the public, they would need to go through the site plan review. Motion was made by Tienvieri seconded by Steiner to recommend to the Planning Department that they work with the Attorney to move forward on the text amendment regarding zoos in Agricultural zoning. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Jandasek, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

HIRING TEMPORARY HELP IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Hershberger explained she is looking to hire a temporary person to handle the finances especially during this busy election season. She presented the Board with some quotes she received. Motion was made by Steiner,

seconded by Jandasek for Hershberger to pursue an agreement for up to six weeks to hire a part-time person to fill the vacant finance position that equates to at least sixteen hours per week, possibly eighteen hours per week at a locked rate of \$950.00 per week, and if it does go past the six weeks, then it would come back to the Board for review. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Keith Kitchens, 7284 Colonial – asked a question regarding the rezoning, commented on the roundabout and asked for an update on the roundabout.

April Brown, 6656 Secor – asked the Board to spend township tax monies wisely and to let the people of the Township weigh in on those decisions.

LaMar Frederick, 3454 Deer Creek – asked the Board to consider the fact that the Township has to follow Government accounting when hiring someone for the Finance Department.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – spoke to political signage, asked about the process now that the Union has filed a grievance, mentioned a conflict with zoo ordinance amendment and land owners rights, and asked Supervisor to disclose who sits next to him at the video-conferencing meetings.

Al Prieur, 1167 N. Park – mentioned he is at his home watching the meeting and not with the Supervisor.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – answered a question regarding the rezoning; mentioned if residents have an issue with a park, they should contact a Park Board member or attend a Park meeting; stated she has been against the roundabout from the beginning, but the Board needs to make the best decisions regarding it from this point; and she is finishing up the CIP plan and hopes to bring it first to the Planning Commission and then to the Board.

Clements – stated that since the Park has limited funding, they are looking to start “Friends of the Park”; mentioned the Park Board is moving forward in fixing the Skate Park; and invited residents to come to a Park Board meeting.

Montri – mentioned he participated with volunteers in some park clean-up last Saturday.

Steiner – he always advocates treating others with respect, so he would like to commend people in the community for being courteous as he is out riding his bike as they are watching out for others.

Goldsmith – gave an update on the roundabout meeting between members of the Road Commission and some Board members. A proposal will come back to the Board for further consideration.

Jandasek – mentioned the tax bills have been sent out and that Adopt-A-Road clean-up will be this weekend, so she asked residents to be careful to watch out for the clean-up crews and that the groups can drop their paperwork off through the drive-through window.

Hershberger – reminded voters that August 4th is a primary, therefore they need to vote along one party line; let voters know the Clerks office will be open Saturday, Aug. 1st for election business; stated the last day to receive a ballot by mail is Friday, July 31st; and mentioned that if a voter has received a letter or email regarding their signature on their application to please call the Clerk’s office or stop by the drive-through window so we can verify and update their signature.

Pirrone – reminded residents that the roundabout was a Board decision; mentioned the Union grievance was because he asked a seasonal worker to switch their day off and to work the weekend; mentioned the work being done on the skate park and how the Park Board has done a good job with the limited funds they have by selling some unused Park property; mentioned Heidtman

Steel is putting an addition on their plant which should add 65 new jobs; and asked citizens to support local businesses through this difficult Covid time.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

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Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary