

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
September 15, 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.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The September 1, 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 August 31, 2020;

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Kojo Quartey, President of Monroe Community College – mentioned MCC is totally committed to South County and spoke to the zero-increase millage on the November ballot.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – spoke to who should be overseeing the opening of the Township building, the use of ISD students as a cleaning service, an off-site Township committee meeting she attended, and the issues with Mulch King.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – spoke to the GLIC contract and the down payment requested.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEXT PHASE TOWARDS THE REOPENING OF THE GOVERNMENT CENTER** –

Massingill mentioned the current policy complies with the Governor's orders and he made some recommendations for enhancements which could be paid for with Grant monies from the State. Pirrone mentioned a seasonal maintenance worker can screen visitors at the front door. Discussion followed regarding live Board meetings and whether they could be held while still following the Governor's orders. Motion was made by Hershberger to open the Township building following all of the recommendations outlined by Fire Chief Massingill including the ultra-violet lights for the HVAC system and an electrostatic handheld sprayer, Pirrone seconded with the Township opening tomorrow. Friendly amendments were accepted to open one hour later tomorrow so the employees can be brought up to speed on all the requirements and the person at the door taking temperatures can have a training session, and also to have the wages of the person who will be monitoring the door and the purchase of the equipment come from the relief money and that it will not exceed the grant amount without coming back to the board first. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Pirrone, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri & Jandasek. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to approve the purchase through Rawlings Heating and Cooling of 12 ultra-violet lights along with the installation in the amount of \$5,450.00 as presented and to have Rawlings contacted immediately to start the work. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to approve the purchase of the professional cordless electrostatic hand sprayer for disinfecting, not to exceed \$1,200.00 and the unit purchased will be based on the guidance of Chief Massingill. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Jandasek, Montri, Tienvieri, Clements, Hershberger & 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-\$155,896.28, Fire District-\$14,260.79, Police Fund-\$2,308.52, Park Fund-\$2,552.56, Fire Equipment-\$15,853.53, Transit System Fund-\$77.41, Library Operating Fund-\$8,735.91, Enchanted Forest SAD-\$6,785.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony SAD-\$4,175.00, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$4,080.31, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$439,186.34, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$322.00 for a total of \$654,233.65. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

DETERMINATION ON A SUBMITTAL DEADLINE DATE REGARDING MULCH KING COMPOSTING FACILITY – Chris Benson, Jacobs Architect spoke via tele-conference explaining she is working with Andrew Nycz, owner of Mulch King to update his site plan with today's conditions and bring it into compliance. Much discussion followed detailing the many variances Mulch King was granted with contingencies attached to them. Since he is still not in compliant after three years the Planning department is requesting the Board determine a deadline date so they can move forward in determining what procedures may be required. Also discussed were questions regarding him not pulling a permit for a building he built and his selling of product not produced on site which violates a Township Ordinance. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri that a site plan which would resolve all non-compliance issues must be submitted to the Planning department by October 20, 2020 so the Planning department would be able to have their follow-up review and meetings which would tentatively be scheduled for around November 11<sup>th</sup>; the Board would receive a courtesy copy for its review; if Mulch King cannot meet this, the operations would be ceased until brought into compliance; and all payments would be withheld until operations are brought into compliance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL OF THE QUOTE FOR EXTERIOR LIGHTING AT FIRE STATION 1 - Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Montri to approve the quote submitted by GLIC Electric in the amount of \$1,180.00 for exterior lighting work at Fire Station 1 providing there is no payment due until work is completed. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – asked about the grievance against the Township and whether the Board members were kept apprised as the employee involved is an employee of the Board,

questioned the liability issues regarding volunteers working on park equipment; and spoke to the budget and the state revenue sharing.

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Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – questioned using ISD students in the Township building; spoke about the Maintenance department, the Finance Manager’s evaluation and running a water line under the Lewis Avenue railroad tracks; and mentioned the fire hydrants on Lewis Avenue are facing the wrong direction.

Brian Trease – 7247 Twin Canyon – asked the Supervisor for an update on the Sheriff Department’s contract.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Montri – commended the Assessing department as Chrissy is doing a great job with communicating.

Steiner – mentioned the Finance manager’s 3-month review is being done for the benefit of both giving and receiving feedback and hopes the opening of the Township hall goes well and everyone stays safe.

Jandasek – thanked her staff for all their hard work these past several weeks, especially yesterday with the tax deadline.

Hershberger – mentioned there is still time for voters to request an absentee ballot; revealed that many different organizations are sending out applications so if a voter has already requested one there is no need to send in a second application; mentioned polls will be open for voting on election day; and reported she has not received ballots yet, but hopes to send them out soon, so voters should expect to receive them mid-October, the latest.

Pirrone – is unsure what Trease was requesting in public comment; talked about the budget cuts the Board made, but would still like to schedule another budget meeting; mentioned the ISD students started working at the Township building today; let the Board know that Kathy Lambrix, a teacher at the Jr. High, and some of her students have volunteered to paint the Library Gazebo; mentioned all the volunteers helping with the park equipment signed waivers; reported a concrete pad has been pored for the Sheriff’s monument thanks to a donation from Stevens and labor by Bob Smith and Ed Wilson; mentioned a ribbon cutting for Gathered Creations, a new business in Temperance; and stated the union grievance has not been settled yet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC  
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary