

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
SPECIAL MEETING
March 16, 2020 - 6:00 pm

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

ABSENT: Paul Francis, Treasurer

.ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney

The Special Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Pirrone at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer by Phil Goldsmith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the agenda with the addition of item C discussion and approval for emergency payment of bills. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none.

NEW BUSINESS

PROTOCOL FOR TOWNSHIP HALL AND FUTURE MEETINGS – Discussion followed regarding the importance of keeping employees and the public safe during the current COVID-19 pandemic. It was discussed that the Township building should be closed to the public, but business could still be conducted via email, phone, and by utilizing the Township’s dropbox. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Clements effective immediately, to close the Township hall to the public on Tuesday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 18th, and then to close to the public and the employees on Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th for the disinfection of the building, and then starting Monday, March 23, the building would be closed to the public but open to the employees to conduct business as usual, until further notice. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Clements, Tienvieri, Steiner, Montri & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Tienvieri to give the Clerk complete authority to communicate with the Federal Government regarding the scheduling of passports and for her to have the discretion to honor or not the appointments which already exist. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Tienvieri, Clements, Montri, Steiner & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Clements to pay employees that are seasonal or part-time and don’t receive the full-time benefits for Thursday, March 19th and Friday, March 20th, if they were already scheduled to work because of the closure of the entire building. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Pirrone, Clements, Montri, Steiner, Tienvieri & Hershberger. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to cancel the March 24th Board meeting based on the current health conditions and to resume the normal Board schedule beginning in April, prohibiting any further directives from the Federal Government. Motion carried on a roll

call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Montri, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

ELECTROSTATIC DISINFECTANT SPRAYING – Motion was made by Clements, supported by Tienvieri to approve CorpClean to electrostatic disinfect spray the Township building as a result of our current health crisis and to authorize the Supervisor to approve a contract with them not to exceed the amount of \$1,225.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Tienvieri, Montri, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Francis.

DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR EMERGENCY PAYMENT OF BILLS – Hershberger would send each Trustee a list of all bills to be paid prior to payment and if any Board member had an issue with a payment, they could notify her. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the Clerk to pay the bills of the Township under normal business operations which includes payroll, utility invoices, general invoices from current vendors and any emergency expenditures as was pre-approved in a Resolution back in 2004 by a previous Board, and to pay the Clerk’s election workers from the last election cycle. She is authorized to pay these bills at least for this particular cycle up to potentially having a board meeting on April 7th, if for some reason that meeting has to be cancelled due to the current health issues then the Clerk would be authorized to proceed for one more cycle until the next Township Board meeting can be convened. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Montri, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Francis

SUPPLEMENTAL SICK PAY FOR SEASONAL OR PART-TIME EMPLOYEES – Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Clements to pay seasonal or part-time employees who become sick and need to stay home quarantined based on their average rate and hours for the days they were scheduled to work as long as they provide a note from a licensed, accredited doctor. This is effective until the next time the Board meets in regular session. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Pirrone, Clements, Steiner, Montri & Hershberger. Nays: Tienvieri. Absent: Francis. Tienvieri voted nay because the circumstances were far too ambiguous.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – none.

COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Tienvieri – asked what circumstances precipitated the resolution from 2004 for payment of certain bills. Hershberger stated without checking the minutes she couldn’t be definite, but believes it was done to avoid late payment fees.

Pirrone – appreciates the patience shown, mentioned the township will continue to do business as usual, and asked residents to help out a neighbor.

ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk, CMC CMMC

Nancy L. Gin
Deputy Clerk