

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
August 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting held through Microsoft Teams video-conferencing

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

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney; Adam Massingill, Bedford 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 for Ron Whipple and Tiffany Kidd, and Prayer led by Phil Goldsmith.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Pirrone removed item 8B-an update on the Lewis Avenue waterline extension project and asked to have it on the next agenda along with a discussion on the Roundabout project. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Tienvieri to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Clements, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

The July 21, 2020 Township Board Minutes;

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – hopes the funding for any construction on Fire Station 2 is in place prior to moving forward, and spoke of lack of information provided on agenda item 8B & 8C.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek Dr.- mentioned the Ordinance memo was lacking in information and congratulated the Fire Department for securing grants.

STAFF REPORTS

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A CISCO NETWORK SECURITY FIREWALL APPLIANCE AND MIDRANGE PC FROM IT RIGHT FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT – Massingill explained this is the final stage in upgrading security and connectivity for all three stations which they have been moving towards over the past three years. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Clements to approve the purchase of a Cisco Network Security Firewall Appliance and midrange PC from IT Right for a combined cost of \$1,935.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Steiner, Clements, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: Montri (due to technical difficulties).

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,652.18 – This grant will help offset some of the costs incurred due to the recent pandemic. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Jandasek to accept the Assistance to Firefighters COVID-19 Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$12,652.18. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Jandasek, Montri, Clements, Steiner, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO CONTINUE WITH ENGINEERING FOR FIRE STATION 2 WITH JACOBS ARCHITECTS – The Fire Department was awarded a grant for the installation of alarm and sprinkler systems for station 2. Before accepting this grant, Massingill would like Jacobs Architects to finish with the engineering study to determine the feasibility of remodeling this building. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Clements to approve the continuation of the engineering for Fire Station 2 with Jacobs Architects and it will be brought back to the first meeting in September with the findings. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Tienvieri, Clements, Jandasek, Montri, Steiner, 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-\$418,630.89, Fire District-\$27,942.18, Police Fund-\$2,248.53, Park Fund-\$5,809.58, Fire Equipment-\$30,036.82, Library Operating Fund-\$6,811.23, Stonegate SAD-\$148.75, Downtown Development Authority-\$1,437.81, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$432,623.94, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$27,272.43 for a total of \$952,962.16. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Hershberger, Jandasek, Tienvieri, Steiner, Clements, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO PROMOTE ORDINANCE OFFICER TO PART-TIME – Pirrone would like to make this position more permanent. The number of hours Kaytlynn Hatfield works would remain the same, but her salary would increase to \$15.39 per hour. Pirrone explained the Fire Department pays \$15,000.00 towards this position as she covers illegal burns during the burning season. Hershberger was assured someone would be covering Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until 9:00 p.m. during the burning seasons, which is the time the Fire Department has requested. Pirrone will have Cecil send Board members the Ordinance work schedule each month with their phone numbers for complaint issues. Motion was made by Clements, seconded by Steiner to modify the current assignment of Kaytlynn Hatfield from seasonal to part-time reflecting the wage increase as stated, not to exceed the hours that would require this job to be moved to a full-time position - which would be monitored, effective today, August 11, 2020. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes: Clements, Steiner, Tienvieri, Jandasek, Hershberger, Montri & Pirrone. Nays: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek Dr.- recommends all Board members secure the transcript of the meeting between the Road Commission and the Township regarding the Roundabout project. Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – thanked Fire Chief for full-disclosure on Station 2 costs, spoke to Mulch King, Ordinance department and Maintenance department issues.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Goldsmith – updated the Board on the Roundabout project and his meetings with the Road Commission and suggested it be added to the agenda of the next board meeting.

Tienvieri – even after receiving a threatening email from a cannabis supporter, she stressed she will continue to speak her mind and express her opinions.

Steiner – reminded residents of the dangers of operating golf carts, etc. on public roadways which is illegal, as he does not want to see anyone get hurt.

Montri – thanked the citizens of Bedford for getting out Tuesday to vote and commended Hershberger and her department for a job well done with the election.

Clements – commended Bedford as a community which came together and helped each other during the recent tragic accident and asked residents to keep those families involved and those who were at the scene in their thoughts and prayers.

Jandasek – appreciates all those who came out to vote in Tuesdays election; thanked all the residents for their patience at the drive-through window as it has been extremely busy; and commended Hershberger and her department for a phenomenal job.

Hershberger – reminded residents the next Board meeting will be next Tuesday; thanked all her election workers for a job well done, especially the Absentee counting board which worked long hours into the night as there were more than 5000 ballots to count; thanked Daisy and Marilyn for the hours they volunteered in the clerk’s department helping with the election; thanked Nancy and Angie for a job well-done; and mentioned she will be bringing a budget adjustment to the next meeting because she would like to purchase a new high-speed election tabulator as she applied and was awarded a 50% grant.

Pirrone – congratulated Jandasek and mentioned he looks forward to working with her; commended Hershberger and her team for their hard work; mentioned the Fire Station 1 looks amazing and residents should stop by and see it; congratulated the Chief on securing the grants; mentioned he is working on organizing a crew to help install new park equipment; and he is revamping the Maintenance department.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, CMMC
Bedford Township Clerk

Nancy Gin
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary