

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 15, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:	Todd Bruning, Trustee
Paul Pirrone, Supervisor	Joe Gore, Trustee
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk	Craig Montri, Trustee
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer	Rick Steiner, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney; Adam Massingill, Fire Chief; Robert Miller, Finance Manager

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 Pastor Greg Withrow, Assembly of Christians Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Bruning to approve the agenda with the removal of 7A, due to the applicant’s request to withdrawal his application from the Planning Commission application process. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Bruning, Montri, Gore, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval and to place on file:

The June 1st, 2021 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 May 31st, 2021;

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Jandasek, Gore, Montri, Bruning, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – commented on the purchase of mosquito dunks and the waiver for North River Villas.

STAFF REPORTS

PROPOSAL FOR DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE INTERIOR REMODELING OF FIRE STATION #2 (DEAN ROAD) – Massingill explained this is a continuation of the design work for the fire stations which began in 2019 with the feasibility study. The initial needs for station #2 are already included in the budget and the funding for the next phase are covered over the next few years by the current millage. A cost savings might be realized by financing the project and bundling these two phases. Motion was made by Bruning, seconded by Montri to approve the proposal by Jim Jacobs Architects to continue the design services for the interior remodeling of Fire Station #2 at a cost of \$51,000.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Bruning, Montri, Gore, Jandasek, Steiner, Hershberger & Montri. Nay: none. Absent: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF MOSQUITO DUNKS – Hershberger explained this program began in 2014 because it was less expensive and more effective than when the Township did the spraying. It is safe for the environment, not harmful to pets or wildlife, popular with residents and would come out of this year’s budget. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the purchase of 20,000 mosquito dunks which should last for 2-3 years at a cost of \$14,900.00,

including shipping. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Steiner & Pirrone. Nay: Bruning, Montri & Gore. Absent: none.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT - Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$86,047.32, Fire District-\$6,137.15, Police Fund-\$2,420.44, Park Fund-\$653.56, Fire Equipment-\$19,089.56, Transit System Fund-\$11,065.00, Library Operating Fund-\$1,940.20, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$190.64, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,469.76, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$245,254.72 for a total of \$374,268.35. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Gore, Steiner, Bruning & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONSUMERS ENERGY TO REPLACE THE STREETLIGHT AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF STERNS & JACKMAN, DEAN & SECOR, AND US-24 & SMITH – Hershberger mentioned the Board already approved at a previous meeting the replacement of these lights at no cost and this is just to complete the paperwork. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the authorizations for change in the standard lighting contract #100000289585 dated 12/1/2015 and contract #103021976727 dated 02/16/2016, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Steiner, Jandasek, Gore, Bruning, Montri & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Gore to approve the resolutions authorizing Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service provided in the standard lighting contract to remove lights at the intersections of Sterns & Jackman, Dean & Secor and US 24 & Smith Road at no cost, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Gore, Montri, Steiner, Bruning, Jandasek & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Gore to approve the resolutions authorizing Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service provided in the standard lighting contract to install new lights at the intersections of Sterns & Jackman, Dean & Secor and US 24 & Smith Road at no cost, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Gore, Jandasek, Bruning, Montri, Steiner & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL FOR PRAIRIE WOODS PLAT 5 & 6 – Steiner stated that the Planning Commission had approved moving forward with the Tentative Preliminary Plat for Prairie Woods Plat 5 & 6 on parcel 5802-026-061-01, located on Sterns Road, east of Lewis Avenue conditioned upon any and all issues outlined in the MCRC, MCDC, the Mannik & Smith Group and the Bedford Township Fire Department letters shall be addressed and a permit shall be obtained from EGLE prior to Final Preliminary Plat approval. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to approve Prairie Woods plat 5 & 6 Tentative Preliminary Plat approval as recommended by the Bedford Township Planning Commission, as submitted. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Jandasek, Gore, Bruning, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

WAIVER FOR NORTH RIVER VILLAS REGARDING THE STORMWATER DETENTION POND DESIGN REQUIREMENT – Steiner explained that the Development Design Standard (DDS) Ordinance requires stormwater detention ponds to be designed and constructed to drain entirely. This waiver is required as the builder is requesting a wet-bottom design. Motion was made by Steiner seconded by Gore to approve the waiver for North River Villas from the DDS Ordinance #65, Section 250.501-Stormwater detention under Section 250.1001-Authority and criteria for variation in which the Township Board may authorize a variation from these development design standards when it determines that undue hardship may result from strict

compliance. In granting any variation, the Board shall prescribe other conditions that it deems necessary or desirable for the public interest. No variation shall be granted unless the Township Board finds: there are special circumstances or conditions affecting the subdivision or project improvement such that a strict application of the provisions of this Ordinance would deprive the applicant of reasonable use of the property; and the deviation is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of the substantial property right of the applicant and is the minimum variation required; and the granting of the variation will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the area in which the property is situated, and installation shall be subject to approval by the MCDC and the Township Engineer. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Gore, Bruning, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL FOR AUDITING SERVICES – Miller, Finance Manager spoke to the Principals of each bidding auditing firm and recommends Gabridge & Company. Motion was made by Bruning, seconded by Jandasek to approve the auditing firm Gabridge & Co. as recommended, locking in the five-year pricing as presented in the bid. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Bruning, Jandasek, Steiner & Hershberger. Nay: Gore, Montri & Pirrone. Absent: none.

APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH ARCHIVESOCIAL FOR ARCHIVING SERVICES – In an effort to be compliant with current FOIA laws, Hershberger is requesting the Board consider social media archiving and adopt a social media policy. Discussion continued regarding comments on the Township Facebook page, how the Facebook page does not hold history, the idea of deleting all Township social media, and the cost involved in an archiving service. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Jandasek to turn off the comment section on all social media accounts officially managed by Township entities or departments so the Township can come into compliance with FOIA laws. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Jandasek, Gore, Bruning, Montri, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A CONCRETE MIXER AND AUGER FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT - Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Bruning to approve a mixer with auger that is to be used for pouring grave stone foundations and small concrete projects in the amount of \$4,066.00 from Skid Steer Solutions. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Pirrone, Bruning, Montri, Jandasek, Steiner, Gore & Hershberger. Nay: none. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – spoke to the rainy-day fund, ability to call into meeting from home, the auditor selection, and a mailbox hit during snow-plowing season.

Margery Cousino, 7849 Comanche Trail – missed in-person meetings and praised Board members.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Steiner – mentioned how nice it was to hear a compliment, and is glad the Board can hold their meetings live in the boardroom again.

Montri – explained his no vote for the auditing firm and welcomed other Board members back to the boardroom for the meeting.

Gore – agreed it is nice to be back in the boardroom, gave an update on Mulch King, and thanked Rick and Jim Jacobs for their help in this matter.

Bruning – mentioned the Township fireworks will be held on June 25th with a rain date of June 26th at Indian Creek Park and Purple Penguin will be there as a vendor.

Jandasek – let residents know that tax bills will be sent out the end of the month and asked drivers to watch and be aware of surroundings as many motorcycles are on the roads with the nice weather.

Hershberger – reminded everyone that the Township building will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day, wished all fathers a Happy Father’s Day, the website is in the process of being migrated, and wished Krista a Happy Birthday.

Pirrone – Fall clean-up day will be September 25th from 9:00 to 3:00 at Indian Creek Park, Household Hazardous Waste Day is tomorrow from 3:00 to 7:00 at Indian Creek Park, the Monroe County Pedestrian Bike Committee is still in the planning stages for a 100-mile loop, he is excited to hear about the website, recommends all Board members watch the MTA webinar on ARP funds, Heart of Hope will be having a Bike Cruise on Aug. 14th at Forestview and the Bedford Community Foundation had a good turnout for their golf outing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, MiPMC
Bedford Township Clerk

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Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary