

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
August 3, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Paul Pirrone, Supervisor
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk
Krista Jandasek, Treasurer

Todd Bruning, Trustee
Joe Gore, Trustee
Craig Montri, Trustee
Rick Steiner, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, Township Attorney; Robert Miller, Finance Manager and Nicole Knapp, Deputy Treasurer

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 Tim Loewe, Christ the King Lutheran Church.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

The July 20, 2021 Township Board Minutes;

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, Montri, Bruning, Gore, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

PRESENTATIONS

MATT VANISACKER, MONROE COUNTY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (MCBDC) REGARDING INDUSTRIAL PARK ROADS – On behalf of the Industrial Park businesses, Vanisacker made a request to the Board to consider providing financial support for road repairs to the roads in the Industrial Park which is estimated to be \$175,000.00. Buschmann, from Mannik Smith, explained the pavement repair plan. Greg Souza, Rolled Alloys spoke to the tax dollars and jobs these companies provide to the Township and Sean Ball, Fischer Tool & Die mentioned some safety concerns caused by Syncreon’s truck traffic. Board discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comer Carey, 1024 Borg – spoke to Industrial Park roads.

Andrea Allen, Allen Tool & Die – spoke to Industrial Park roads.

LaMar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – spoke to Industrial Park roads, the First Merchant property, and ARPA Advisory Committee.

STAFF REPORTS

APPROVE THE FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY – Miller explained that this policy is required in order to be in compliance when receiving the ARPA funds. Motion was made by Montri, seconded by Bruning to approve the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy, as amended with the grammatical fix of removing the words “state law” which appears twice in Section B. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Montri, Bruning, Steiner, Gore, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

CREATE A TEMPORARY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Miller and Knapp proposed starting a temporary ARPA Advisory Committee which would come up with a list of projects and/or purpose that Bedford Township can use ARPA money for. This committee will seek community input. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Montri to create a temporary ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Advisory Committee consisting of three Board members which will be the Clerk, Treasurer & Supervisor, two other Township employees which will be Robert Miller and Nicole Knapp, and two members from the general public. The comment that these two members preferably are not business owners or from a special interest group is to be removed. The process of accepting applications will begin August 4th and all applications must be received by the Clerk's office by close of business on August 31st, 2021. This Committee will be a non-paid committee. Some meetings of this Committee will be held in the evenings unless this does not work or has a lack of attendance, then they can go back to all being held during Township business hours, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Montri, Jandasek, Bruning, Gore, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Montri to appoint Fred Swank to the Planning Commission for a 1st term ending 12/31/2023. Motion failed on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Pirrone, Montri & Gore. Nay: Bruning, Steiner, Jandasek & Hershberger. Absent: none.

NEW BUSINESS

VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$82,295.97, Fire District-\$22,023.76, Police Fund-\$59.39, Park Fund-\$4,241.81, Fire Equipment-\$31,138.68, Transit System Fund-\$8,556.00, Library Operating Fund-\$4,286.21, Water Revenue Fund-\$2,369.58, Downtown Dev. Authority-\$1,576.91, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$558,986.35, & Trust and Agency Fund-\$20,564.50 for a total of \$736,099.16. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Gore, Steiner, Bruning, Montri, & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION FOR A CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR BEDFORD EXPRESS BOOSTERS – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for a Charitable Gaming License for Bedford Express Boosters, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Steiner, Gore, Bruning & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BEDFORD TOWNSHIP & THE MONROE CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Goldsmith confirmed this is an allowable expenditure under law. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Gore to approve the Monroe Conservation District Service Agreement in which the Township appropriates \$1,000.00 for fiscal year 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Gore, Bruning, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CONSUMERS ENERGY TO REPLACE THE STREETLIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEWIS AVENUE & DEAN ROAD – Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the authorization for change in the Standard Lighting Contract #100000289585 dated 12/01/2015 and Contract #103021976727 dated 2/16/2016, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Gore, Steiner, Bruning, Montri & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Resolution authorizing Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service provided in the Standard Lighting Contract to remove the light at the intersection of Lewis Avenue & Dean Road at no cost, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Montri, Gore, Bruning, Steiner & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Jandasek to approve the Resolution authorizing Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service provided in the Standard Lighting Contract to install a new light at the intersection of Lewis Avenue and Dean Road at no cost, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Hershberger, Jandasek, Steiner, Gore, Bruning, Montri & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

ACCEPT BID TO TEAR OUT AND REPLACE THE ASPHALT BACK PARKING LOT OF FIRE STATION 3 – LEWIS AVENUE – Pirrone stated that this parking lot is failing because it was not built to withstand the weight of the Fire Trucks. However, the bids came in much higher than the Board had budgeted. Discussion ensued as to whether ARPA funds could possibly be used to replace this lot and whether a partial fix could be done. Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by Gore to table this item until more information can be obtained. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Pirrone, Gore, Jandasek, Montri, Bruning, Steiner & Hershberger. Nay: none. Absent: none.

ACCEPT BID TO REPLACE THE ROOF AT THE BANNER OAK SCHOOL – 23 E. STERNS ROAD – The Board budgeted \$35,000.00 for this project and has received \$6,000.00 in grant money. Motion was made by Gore, seconded by Steiner to accept the bid to replace the roof at the Banner Oak School, 23 E. Sterns Road from Royal Roofing Company, Inc. in the amount of \$48,680.00 using the Monroe County Museum Grant of \$6,000.00 and the \$35,000.00 allocated out of this year's budget and taking the additional funds out of another line item. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Gore, Steiner, Bruning, Montri, Jandasek, Hershberger & Pirrone. Nay: none. Absent: none.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 9031 LEWIS AVENUE FROM FIRST MERCHANTS BANK TO BEDFORD TOWNSHIP – Goldsmith ordered a Title Commitment on this property and found it has a Restrictive Covenant due to the contamination which was found on this property in the past. Therefore, nothing can ever be built on this property. Discussion followed regarding whether this property could be used for a parking lot or greenspace. Goldsmith recommended against a parking lot. Hershberger suggested possibly using the Maintenance garage property for some parking as it is bigger and has been used for parking in the past. Some Board members spoke against transferring this property just for greenspace as it is already greenspace, it would add to the maintenance of the Township and the Township is currently trying to sell pocket parks to reduce this maintenance. Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Bruning to not accept the property at 9031 Lewis Avenue as a donation from First Merchants Bank, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Steiner, Bruning, Gore, Jandasek & Hershberger. Nay: Montri & Pirrone. Absent: none.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Jim Hunter, 1025 Valetta – asked questions regarding Wanda Estates SAD.

Comer Carey, 1024 Borg – spoke to Wanda Estates SAD.

Gloria Tross, 1023 Borg – spoke to Wanda Estates SAD.

Lee Grau, 1014 Bord – spoke to ditches in neighborhood.

Lynette Fisher, 3405 Deepwood – spoke to parking in Downtown Temperance.

Jeff Tross, 1023 Borg – spoke to Wanda Estates SAD.

Marilyn McAfee, 1237 Borg – spoke to Wanda SAD.

Dennis Smith, 1154 Borg – spoke to traffic in Wanda Estates and the burning of leaves.

Audrey Denniss, 1192 Borg – spoke to ditches and the Wanda Estates SAD.

Jim Hunter, 1025 Valetta – spoke to Wanda Estates SAD.

Tom Nonnenmacher, 1015 Borg – spoke to Wanda Estates SAD.

Hershberger reminded residents that she is only the mediator between the residents and the engineers.

Barry Buschmann, Township Engineer, Mannik Smith - explained the issues with the roads and drainage in the Wanda Estates subdivision.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Montri – appreciates all the residents coming to the meeting and hopes to see them at future meetings.

Gore – thanked all the residents who came to the meeting and asked Chief Massingill to pass along condolences to Monroe Township for the tragic accident of one of their firefighters.

Bruning – wished everyone a good night.

Jandasek – thanked Nicole and Bob for all the time they have put into the ARPA funds project and wished her son a happy 16th birthday.

Hershberger – answered the residents’ questions regarding the SAD and let the Board know her department finished up the training for the new website today and it should be up and running in 3-4 weeks.

Pirrone – thanked the Red Shirt program for their help in tearing up the floor in the Sheriff’s department, is happy the Monroe County Fair is back, and Compassion Food and Fun is August 14th.

Steiner – mentioned SAD payments follow the property and can be negotiated when selling a home.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Trudy L. Hershberger, CMC, MiPMC
Bedford Township Clerk

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Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary