

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
FEBRUARY 2, 2010

PRESENT:

Walt Wilburn, Supervisor	Paul Francis, Trustee
Robert A. Schockman, Clerk	Lawrence O'Dell, Trustee
Sherri S. Meyer, Treasurer	James Goebel, Trustee
	Gail Hauser-Hurley, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Graham, Attorney

Wilburn called the Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board to order at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion by Goebel, seconded by Hauser-Hurley to approve the agenda as published, motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion by Meyer, seconded by Goebel to approve the consent agenda as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hauser-Hurley, Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Judy Frankowski – 1115 Ashland, commented on the Whitman lawsuit.

Jim Duggan – 8690 Mary Meadows, commented on the Whitman lawsuit.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECOVERY ZONE FUNDING FOR BEDFORD TWP.**

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS** – Pat McGow of Miller, Canfield presented information on bonding resolutions to start the financing for improvements to the Bedford Township wastewater treatment plant. He also introduced Kari Blanchett of Public Financial Management, Inc. Mr. McGow explained the bonding process and the issuance of the bonds for the project. The bonds would cover equipment improvements up to a maximum amount of Five Million Dollars (\$5 mil.). After discussion regarding the costs of the project and keeping the residents rates from increasing; the Township Board tabled the issue until the next board meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

**NEW BUSINESS – APPROVAL OF BILLS** - Motion by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$21,642.25, Fire District-\$71,032.79, Police Fund-\$1,395.60, Park Fund-\$398.33, Transit System-\$18,140.00, Library Fund-\$1,822.86, Economic Dev. Corp. Fund-\$350.00, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$35,949.52, Trust & Agency Fund-\$107.70, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hauser-Hurley, Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

**AMENDMENT TO BEDFORD TWP. BLIGHT ORDINANCE** – Wilburn said the revisions would include an increase in fees and the cleanup of garbage, litter & refuse on private property pursuant to mortgage foreclosures. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the amendments to the Bedford Township Blight Ordinance number 19A-5 as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Goebel, Hauser-Hurley, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Wilburn. Nay: None. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kevin Tracy – 7498 Indian, commented on the Whitman lawsuit and the amendments to the ordinance.

Jim Duggan – 8690 Mary Meadows, commented on the Waste Water Treatment Facility and growth in the township.

**REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

**Hauser-Hurley** commented on attending the TMACOG Assembly and joining the organization

**Goebel** commented on the M.T.A. convention and work sessions in Grand Rapids that he attended.

**O'Dell** commented on Roads Committee and the revenues needed to improve the roads.

**Francis** commented on attending the TMACOG Assembly, the roads in Bedford Township and the Waste Water Treatment Plant improvements.

**Meyer** said the tax deadline has been extended to Tuesday, February 16th due to the 14<sup>th</sup> falling on Sunday, and 15<sup>th</sup> being a holiday. She also reminded seniors that Rosemary will be at the township hall helping with certain tax forms.

**Schockman** commented on the solar & wind turbines that Mr. Decker has been selling. He also said he had attended the TMACOG Assembly and MTA convention.

**Wilburn** commented on the TMACOG Assembly and thanked the VFW of Lambertville for the Ceremony honoring Pam Dressell. He further commented on the Road Committee and taxes for roads.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Wilburn adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman, CMC  
Bedford Township Clerk

Recording Secretary: Trudy Hershberger, Deputy Clerk