

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 16, 2009

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Graham, Attorney

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution Adopting Final Project Plan for Wastewater Treatment Plant

Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to open the public hearing to adopt the final project plan for the wastewater treatment plant, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Dan Stefanski, Monroe County Drain Commissioner, spoke, explaining the history of the waste water treatment plant, and introducing Jean Inman, Project Manager from Spicer Group. Ms. Inman gave a power point presentation, explaining the need for these proposed improvements and renovations, the projected costs, the proposed application for a revolving fund loan from the State of Michigan, and further explained that as projected, there would be no additional costs to customers.

Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek, spoke, asking questions regarding costs.

Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to close the public hearing to adopt the final project plan for the wastewater treatment plant, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion followed from board members asking various questions of both Mr. Stefanski and Ms. Inman. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to adopt the final project plan for the wastewater treatment plant, authorizing implementation of Alternative #4, and designating the Chairman of Public Works, Dan Stefanski as the authorized representative for all activities associated with the project. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Resolution Amending the 2008-2009 Special Funds Budget

Finance Director Manning spoke, explaining this amendment to the 2008-09 special funds budget would bring the budget in line with anticipated expenditures. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the resolution amending the 2008-09 special funds

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budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution Amending the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget

Finance Director Manning spoke, explaining this amendment to the 2008-09 general fund budget would bring the budget in line with anticipated expenditures. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the resolution amending the 2008-09 general fund budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution Amending the 2009-2010 Special Funds Budget

Finance Director Manning spoke, explaining this amendment to the 2009-10 Special Funds Budget includes the special revenue funds that were not included in the resolution approved at the last township board meeting. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the resolution amending the 2009-10 special funds budget, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

Approval of Private Road Ordinance Amendment for Maison Court

Township attorney, Tom Graham spoke, explaining this ordinance amendment to private roads was originally approved by the board in 2001 with stipulations. Due to an oversight, this amendment has not been filed as yet. Graham has reviewed the stipulations, found that everything is in order, and recommends approval of this ordinance amendment. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the private road ordinance for Maison Court, according to the recommendations made by the Township Attorney. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Approval of Amendment to Noxious Weed Ordinance

Wilburn spoke, stating the only changes in this amendment are minor word changes that will assist the ordinance officers in better handling these types of ordinance infractions. Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Schockman to approve the amendment to the noxious weed ordinance as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Approval of Bills - Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$127,766.26, Fire District-\$10,815.99, Police Fund-\$451.83, Park Fund-\$6,146.52, Transit System Fund-\$27,472.00, Metro Act Fund-\$88.38, Building Inspection Fund-\$2,381.15, Library Operating Fund-\$6,591.11, EDC Fund-\$190.00, Rehab Fund-\$1,850.00, DDA Fund-\$458.87, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$34,891.49, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$5,156.60, for a total of \$224,260.20. Motion carried on a roll call vote as

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follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Discussion/Decision on Sumner & Ruth Jones Scholarship Trust

Township attorney Graham spoke, explaining the township has been named as an interested party for a scholarship trust for Bedford residents in the wills of Sumner & Ruth Jones, former Bedford residents. Monroe Bank and Trust had been named Trustee of this scholarship trust, but no longer wishes to do so. A hearing has been set in probate court for Wednesday, June 17th, at 9:00 am to rule on MBT's desire to withdraw and determine who the new Trustee will be. Bedford Township has the right to petition to be Trustee, or can make a recommendation to the Probate Court for an alternative, such as the Bedford Community Foundation. Once this board makes its decision in this matter, Attorney Graham will attend the hearing and present the board's recommendations. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Hurley to approve the Waiver and Consent submitted by the Township Attorney for consideration by this Board in the Sumner and Ruth Jones Scholarship Trust matter, which was brought before the Probate Court upon petition by the current Trustee, Monroe Bank & Trust for removal of Trustee, and the Township Attorney be authorized to execute and file that Waiver and Consent, removing the portion of item #4 which states "but if the Court determines that the Community Foundation of Monroe County is to be the charitable entity to succeed Monroe Bank & Trust, then the Township consents to that appointment", and appear in Probate Court on behalf of the Township Board. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek, spoke, questioning the board's accountability and communications with regard to the budget.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Graham – Thanked the board for actions taken at tonight's meeting

Hurley – Reminded everyone of the Summerfest Parade on Saturday, June 20th at 11:00 am

Goebel – Informed everyone that on Wednesday, June 17th, the Wendy's at Secor/Sterns will pay a percentage of all sales that day to the Bedford Senior Center. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Summerfest, fireworks, & parade this weekend, and welcomed his grandchildren to Bedford Township.

O'Dell – Also mentioned the Fireworks display on Friday night, June 19th, and requested that Chris Renius, township assessor, be in attendance at the July 7, 2009 board meeting to discuss and explain property values and taxes in Bedford Township.

Meyer – Mentioned summer tax bills will be mailed out on July 1st, explained tax deferments for seniors, and if anyone had a question about this to contact her office. She also mentioned that Lambertville 5/3 Bank will be the only bank in Bedford collecting property tax payments.

Schockman – Mentioned Walk Bedford is Friday, June 19th at 6:00 pm, beginning at Bedford High School

Wilburn – Stated the Summerfest parade would be at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 20th, beginning at the Kroger Plaza at Secor/Sterns, the fireworks would be on Friday evening, June 19th, at the Bedford Community Stadium, and Summerfest would be held at Parmelee Park beginning Thursday, June 18th.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary