

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
May 12, 2009

PRESENT:

Walt Wilburn, Supervisor
Robert A. Schockman, Clerk
Sherri S. Meyer, Treasurer

Paul Francis, Trustee
Larry O'Dell, Trustee
James Goebel, Trustee
Gail Hauser-Hurley, Trustee

EXCUSED:

ALSO PRESENT: Phil Goldsmith, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Wilburn tabled items 4E, Resolution Amending the 2008/09 General Fund Budget, and 4F, Resolution Amending the 2008/09 Special Revenue Funds Budget. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Resolution Approving a Banner for Bedford Summerfest

Wilburn read the resolution requesting approval for a banner to be hung at or near the intersections of Secor and Sterns Roads and Lewis Avenue and Temperance Road to advertize Bedford's upcoming Summerfest. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by O'Dell to approve the banner resolution for Bedford Summerfest 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 approving a Road closure for Bedford Summerfest Parade

Wilburn read the resolution requesting approval of a road closure beginning on Secor Road, at Sterns and Secor, north to Summerfield Road, then northeast on Dorr Street on Saturday, June 20, 2009 in order to hold a parade to advertize Summerfest. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by O'Dell to approve the road closure resolution for the Bedford Summerfest Parade as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation Honoring Bedford Schools Athletic Director, Bill Regnier

Schockman read the proclamation, honoring Bedford Public Schools Athletic Director Bill Regnier on his successful career both as wrestling coach at Bedford from 1965 until 1995, and as athletic director from 1995 until now, and on being inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Hurley to approve the proclamation honoring Bedford Public Schools Athletic Director, Bill Regnier's induction into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, as read. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Proclamation Honoring Jackman Road Elementary School, a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School for 2009

Schockman read the resolution honoring Jackman Road Elementary School, their principal, Mr. James Heer, the staff and students upon the achievement of being named a Michigan Blue

Ribbon Exemplary School for 2009. O'Dell commented on the fact Jackman is the third school in Bedford to attain this honor, the other two being the Bedford Jr. High School and Temperance Road Elementary School, and the great educational system Bedford has. Goebel commented on Principal James Heer's excellent leadership at Jackman Road Elementary, and the fact he is retiring this year. Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Hurley to approve the proclamation honoring Jackman Road Elementary School, a Michigan Blue Ribbon Exemplary School for 2009. 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 Goebel, seconded by Meyer 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 –

Presentation by Barb Mitzel, Consumers Energy Representative and John Paul from Consumers Energy Forestry Operations

Mr. John Paul did a power point presentation, explaining how Consumers Energy will be handling the issues of tree trimming and tree removal this summer and fall, when those trees compromise the reliability of consistent power to the community as well as safety to Bedford residents. The board thanked Ms. Mitzel and Mr. Paul for the important information they provided.

Approval of Assessing Services Agreement with Mr. Chris Renius, Assessor

Wilburn spoke, explaining the contract between Bedford Township and Mr. Chris Renius, Assessor, if approved will be effective retroactively to April 1, 2009 and valid for one (1) year. This contract was written by the township attorney, and any changes between this contract and previous contracts is minimal, with no changes in compensation. Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Hurley to approve the Assessing Services Agreement with Mr. Chris Renius, Assessor, for a period of one (1) year, effective April 1, 2009. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Withdrawal of Administrative Rezoning of Portion of Parcel 58-02-027-059-40 from R-2A to PBO

Wilburn explained the board had all the necessary information regarding this issue and asked for a motion to approve this request. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Schockman to approve withdrawal of the township initiated request to rezone parcel no 58-02-027-059-40 from R-2A to PBO. 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-\$89,922.85, Fire District-\$71,483.40, Police Fund-\$1,990.85, Park Fund-\$5,272.16, Transit System Fund-\$39.43, Building Inspection Fund-\$2,640.29, Library Operating Fund-\$38,784.96, EDC Fund-\$4,859.44, Water Revenue Fund-

\$5,440.00, Sarah Dr. Debt Service Fund-\$12,586.25, DDA Fund-\$831.87, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$384,646.74, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$10,952.93. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Entertainment License Approval at 7511 Lewis Avenue, Temperance

Schockman reported this request is for a new entertainment permit for Ranch House Lounge at 7511 Lewis Avenue. They currently hold a Sunday Sales and Dance license for this address, this additional entertainment license would allow certain types of live performances on the premises. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Meyer to approve the requested Entertainment License at 7511 Lewis Avenue, Temperance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance, spoke informing the board of an all natural mosquito repellent that will be available at a local business.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Hurley – Thanked Gail Keane for the information she provided.

Goebel – Mentioned that items 4E & 4F on the agenda were tabled due to recent state budget cuts.

Meyer – Thanked Mr. Paul & Ms. Mitzel for the information regarding power outages and tree trimming/removal.

Schockman – Thanked election workers and staff for the great job they did at the May 5, 2009 School Election.

Wilburn – Informed everyone that the yard waste dumpsters have been removed from Carr's Grove Park, effective May 11, 2009. The township has mosquito repellent "donuts" available at the township hall, and maintenance will be putting large mosquito repellent donuts in the township catch basins. Wilburn mentioned Bedford Schools Superintendent Jon White's retirement and the passage of the school's sinking fund millage request. He also reminded the community of the upcoming Bedford Relay for Life on Saturday, May 16th, from 9 am until 9 am on Sunday the 17th.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary