

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
May 19, 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 added item 4D, Resolution to Approve Banner for Samaria Day, and item 4E, Resolution Approving a Road Closure for Bedford Walk. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel 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 Charitable Gaming License for Bedford North Stars

Schockman spoke, informing the board this request is from the Bedford North Stars traveling baseball team which had supplied all the necessary information confirming their nonprofit status. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Hurley to approve the Charitable Gaming License for the Bedford North Stars Traveling Baseball Team. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution Supporting No Reason Absentee Ballot Voting

Schockman spoke, informing the board of a bill that has passed in the State House, and is now before the Senate allowing voters to vote by absentee ballot without stating a reason why they wish to do so, thereby making it easier for registered voters to vote in elections. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Hurley to approve the resolution supporting no reason absentee ballot voting. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution to Impose One Percent (1%) Property Tax Administrative Fee

Francis spoke, explaining Bedford Township is the only General Law Township that does not levy this fee and that due to large cuts in state shared revenues the budget committee saw no other way to balance the township budget in spite of many budget cuts already made. Francis read the resolution in its entirety, with several other board members commenting on this issue.

Motion was made by Francis, seconded by O'Dell to approve the resolution authorizing and imposing a one (1%) percent property tax administrative fee to each total tax bill per parcel, pursuant to Michigan Public Act 503 of 1982, beginning with the summer 2009 tax collection. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution Approving Banner for Samaria Day

Wilburn read the resolution, requesting a banner to be placed across Samaria Road at Brunt Street, advertising the upcoming Samaria Day on June 13, 2009. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Goebel to approve the resolution authorizing a banner to be placed across Samaria Road at Brunt Street for Samaria Day on June 13, 2009. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Resolution Approving Road Closure for Walk Bedford

Wilburn read the resolution, requesting a road closure on June 19, 2009 for Walk Bedford which will begin 6:00 pm in front of Bedford High School on Jackman Road, proceed north on Jackman to Temperance Road, then east on Temperance to Lewis Avenue, then north on Lewis Avenue to Carr's Grove Park, expected to conclude at 8:00 pm. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the road closure resolution for the Bedford Walk on June 19, 2009, commencing at Bedford High School, on Jackman Road and proceeding north and east to Carr's Grove Park on Lewis Avenue. 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 Meyer, seconded by Hurley 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

Mike Minges, 9048 Summerfield, expressed concerns regarding the 1% administrative fee resolution, and requested the board consider different ways to get information out to the public.

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland, expressed concerns regarding the 1% administrative fee resolution.

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

Request for Extension of Hidden Lakes Plats 2-4 Tentative Preliminary Plat

Wilburn spoke, explaining this request for a one (1) year extension of the preliminary plat was due to the negative economic climate. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Goebel to approve a one year extension of Hidden Lakes, Plats 2-4 Tentative Preliminary Plat. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Request for Extension of Applecreek Estates Plats 1-3 Tentative Preliminary Plat

Wilburn spoke, explaining this request for a one (1) year extension of the preliminary plat was due to the negative economic climate. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Goebel to approve a one year extension of Applecreek Estates, Plats 1-3 Tentative Preliminary Plat. 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-\$51,878.53, Fire District-\$926.55, Police Fund-\$217.34, Park Fund-\$896.65, Building Inspection Fund-\$888.32, Library Operating Fund-\$908.97, Road Capital Improvement-\$708.75, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$1,259.73, &

Trust & Agency Fund-\$850.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland, questioned the township wide trash pickup issue.

BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS

Goebel – Wished everyone a happy Memorial Day

O'Dell-Thanked Mike Minges for his comments and explained the township wide trash pickup issue.

Francis – Commented on the death of township resident and centenarian Beryl Morris, mentioned the need for the township board to look forward to future township needs, and the need for Town Hall meetings for issues such as roads and township wide recycling/trash collections.

Meyer – Thanked the Budget Committee for all of their hard work.

Schockman – Spoke to the township wide trash collection issue.

Wilburn - Spoke to the township wide trash collection issue. He mentioned Relay for Life making \$120,000.00 & thanked his wife Sue Wilburn for chairing the event as well as all of the volunteers who participated. Wilburn also reminded everyone of the upcoming waste collection day on May 30, 2009 at White Park and explained the reason behind the reduction in the mosquito program for Bedford Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Wilburn adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary