

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
October 20, 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: Phillip Goldsmith, Township 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 – Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

2010 Sewer Budget for Operation & Maintenance Resolution

Meyer presented the annual sewer budget from the Monroe County Drain Commission, stating this approval is an annual requirement and there is a slight reduction in this budget over last year's budget. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Hurley to approve the 2010 Sewer Budget for Operations and Maintenance Resolution, 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 to Amend Sewer Rates for Operations, Depreciation & Debt

Meyer reported this resolution is to amend the sewer rates for 2010, and is approved annually. The rate will not increase this year but stay at \$3.81 per thousand gallons, based on the Drain Commissions budget. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to adopt the Resolution to Amend Sewer Rates for Operations, Depreciation & Debt to establish sewer charges for 2010, 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 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

Doug Bermick, 1031 Birchwood – Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

Jim Duggan, 8690 Mary Meadows – Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

Nancy Tienvieri, 3962 Coachman – Questioned several items on the agenda

Kendra Carroll, 3427 W. Dean – Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

Approval of Storm Water Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Ordinance

Attorney Goldsmith spoke, explaining adoption of this ordinance is required by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, which seeks to provide for storm water effluent limitations and monitoring requirements in order to ensure the public health, safety and general welfare of persons and property in Bedford Township. Several board members asked additional questions regarding this issue. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Goebel to approve the Storm Water Effluent Limitation and Monitoring 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.

Approval of Amendment to Development Design Standards Ordinance

Attorney Goldsmith spoke, explaining that approval of this amendment to the current Design Standards Ordinance, is necessary to make reference to the new Storm Water Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Ordinance just passed by the board, per DEQ requirements. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Goebel to approve the Amendment to the Development Design Standards Ordinance as presented by 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 Blight Ordinance Amendment

Attorney Goldsmith spoke, stating this amendment to the current Blight Ordinance gives the Bedford Ordinance Department the ability to enforce clean ups of blight caused by refuse left at curbside when property is vacated due to mortgage foreclosures. Several board members questioned/commented on details of the proposed ordinance. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Francis to approve the Amendment to the Blight 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-\$240,255.20, Fire District-\$39,002.97, Police Fund-\$96,711.46, Park Fund-\$8,668.54, Transit System Fund-\$9,831.00, Metro Act Fund-\$9,171.00, Building Inspection Fund-\$7,718.37, Library Operating Fund-\$11,865.86, EDC Fund-\$353.68, Barbara Lee/Harmony/Etc.Fund-\$500.00, Road Capital Improvement Fund-\$1,271.25, DDA Fund-\$4,340.94, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$38,719.65, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$11,965.16, for a total of \$480,375.08. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Sara, 6261 Whiteford Center – Thanked the board for the approved Blight Ordinance Amendment & mentioned blight issues in her area.

Nancy Tienvieri, 3962 Coachman – Spoke of ways to look at incentives to attract businesses to Bedford

Mike Sprott, 8872 Tanglewood - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

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Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment & referendum vote.

Jim Duggan, 8690 Mary Meadows - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance & referendum vote.

Kevin Tracey, 7498 Indian - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment.

Doug Bermick, 1031 Birchwood - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance and referendum vote.

Richard Lake, 1138 Ashland - Spoke to the issue of a proposed zoning ordinance amendment and referendum vote.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Hurley – Explained her absence from the October 6, 2009 meeting was due to the death of her father.

Goebel – Wished everyone a Happy U.N. Day and Happy Halloween, reminding residents to watch out for children out trick or treating.

O'Dell thanked Tienvieri for her research on attracting businesses & the work that EDC is doing in that area, and mentioned process required for a proposed ordinance amendment.

Francis – Spoke to the proposed zoning ordinance issue and last May's referendum vote. He also mentioned the passing of former Bedford School Superintendent George Hagen.

Meyer – Spoke to the question of why individual checks are not read when bill payment is approved at meetings, explaining 180 to 200 checks are approved at each meeting, which would take considerable time to read, a list these checks is available in the clerk's department for the public to see any time after the Friday before each meeting.

Schockman – Spoke, informing the public of the status of the proposed new cemetery at Lewis Avenue and Samaria roads. He also mentioned a free work program will be started at the township hall to assist people in finding jobs.

Wilburn – Mentioned Halloween in Bedford will be celebrated on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 6 pm until 8 pm, the sirens will sound at the beginning and at the end. He also congratulated the VFW Post 9656 Ladies' Auxiliary on their 60th anniversary, and the Salvation Army on opening a new office on Lewis Avenue in Temperance. In addition he mentioned having met with both state and federal legislators regarding solar energy issues, stimulus monies, and jobs. Wilburn also addressed the issue of the process required for proposed zoning ordinance amendments, and thanked the students who attended the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary