

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
OCTOBER 6, 2009

PRESENT:

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

EXCUSED:

Gail Hauser-Hurley, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Phil Goldsmith, 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 Meyer to approve the agenda as published, motion carried.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marge Cousino - 7849 Comanche Trail, thanked the board for getting the township agenda on the website the Friday before the meeting.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

FIRE STATION ADDITION - Francis explained the change orders for the construction of Fire Station 56 and said the construction was close to being on schedule. David Wehner stated that the completion date was originally set for November 13th, but may run two weeks over. Motion by Francis, seconded by Goebel to approve the change orders submitted for the Bedford Township Fire Station 56 Addition as presented, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Wilburn. Nay: None. Absent: Hauser-Hurley.

OLD BUSINESS

SUMMARY OF LITIGATION - Mr. Goldsmith explained the progress of the litigation with Bedford Partners. He stated that based on the rulings in the case he and Attorney Landry would recommend Bedford Township not pursue litigation with the Michigan Supreme Court. Motion by O'Dell, seconded by Goebel to not move with further litigation to the Michigan Supreme Court concerning the issues between Bedford Township and Bedford Partners regarding their 80 acres that Bedford Township did not rezone. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Goebel, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Wilburn. Nay: None. Absent: Hauser-Hurley.

He further updated the township board of the progress with the litigation with Whitman Ford.

NEW BUSINESS - APPROVAL OF BILLS - Motion by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$84,188.38, Fire District-\$183,697.27, Police Fund-\$3,073.11, Park Fund-\$3,958.91, Transit System-\$10,239.00, metro Act Fund-\$3,525.00, Building Inspection Fund-\$150.40, Library Fund-\$29,064.41, Economic Dev. Corp. Fund-\$1,061.76, Water Revenue Fund-\$9,665.00, Green Hills & Other Debt Fund-\$31,600.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony/etc Fund-\$10,033.75, Road Capital Improvement Fund-\$1,215.00, DDA Debt Fund\$6,344.61, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$6,364.85, Trust & Agency Fund-\$532.60, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: Hauser-Hurley.

APPROVAL TO USE TANGLEWOOD PARK - Schockman explained that Bedford Christian Community Church has held their annual "Light the Night" program at the Tanglewood Park for the past three years. Motion by Schockman, seconded by Meyer to approve the use of Tanglewood Park by Bedford Christian Community Church for their annual "Light the Night" Celebration on October 31, 2009. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Wilburn. Nay: None. Absent: Hauser-Hurley.

APPROVAL OF MCRC CONTRACT TO CRACKFILL ROADS IN DEERFIELD WOODS Wilburn said the contract was due to a request made by the Deerfield Woods Association to crackfill the roads in their subdivision. He further advised that the association had already paid for the project. Motion by O'Dell, seconded by Goebel to approve the contract with the Monroe County Road Commission in the amount of \$1,166.00 to crackfill the roads in Deerfield Woods as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Wilburn. Nay: None. Absent: Hauser-Hurley.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jim Duggan-8690 Mary Meadows, commented on the litigation with Bedford Partners and Whitman Ford.

Frank Knoll-2595 Chapel Creek, commented on the way bills are read and also asked why a prayer is not done before board meetings.

LaMar Frederick- County Commissioner, reported on the State and County Budgets along with the future cuts that are being addressed.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Goebel commented on the litigation, Senior Center's 40th Anniversary and their strategic planning committee.

O'Dell spoke on issues in Bedford Township along with the township budget and doing more with less. He commented on the Bedford Township contract with the Monroe County Sheriffs Dept. stating that the township pays 80% for the contracted deputies and that Monroe County only pays 20 %; and he would hate to see the county cut that 20% they cover for deputies.

Meyer agreed with O'Dell in his comments regarding the contracted deputies in Bedford Township.

Schockman agreed with O'Dell's comments; he also advised the public of the Michigan Works program at the library and Dr. Godfrey working with the Michigan Works program from the Township Hall. He further commented on the TMACOG registration and the Bedford schools homecoming game this Friday.

Wilburn thanked the public for their comments and commented on the budget talks in Bedford.

Wilburn adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman,
CMC Bedford Township Clerk

Recording Secretary:
Trudy Hershberger, Deputy Clerk