

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
JULY 7, 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, Township Attorney, Dennis Jenkins, Planning/Zoning Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR FISCHER TOOL & DIE CORP.

Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to open the Public Hearing for the Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Fischer Tool & Die Corp, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek, spoke, asking for information regarding the public hearing. Wilburn explained that Schockman would be explaining the details of the public hearing.

Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to close the Public Hearing for the Application of an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Fischer Tool & Die Corp, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Schockman stated this request is for a 12 year industrial facilities tax exemption on new personal property totaling \$415,639.71, which will allow for the gain of one job and retention of 73 jobs for Fischer Tool & Die Corp. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Meyer to approve the Application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption for Fischer Tool & Die Corp, for 12 years on personal property totaling \$415,639.71, 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 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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR ROAD CLOSURE FOR WALK BEDFORD

Schockman spoke, stating this request is for the annual Walk Bedford which was rescheduled from June until July 31st due to inclement weather on the original date. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by O'Dell to approve the resolution for a road closure for Walk Bedford on Friday, July 31, 2009, 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 CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR BEDFORD BLAZERS BASKETBALL TEAM

Goebel stated this licensing approval will allow non-profit organizations such as the Bedford Blazers to raise monies through poker games that are held at various licensed establishments throughout the township. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the charitable gaming license for Bedford Blazers Basketball Team, 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 CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE FOR BEDFORD LIONS FOOTBALL CLUB, LLC

Francis mentioned that unlike previous requests for this license approval, the Bedford Lions Football Club, LLC is does not have a 501-c3, which would allow the organization to issue tax exemptions on donations. O'Dell mentioned this is not a requirement by the state for this type of license. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the charitable gaming license for Bedford Lions Football Club, LLC, as presented. 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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Schockman, to approve the consent 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.

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

PRESENTATION REGARDING PROPOSAL A – CHRIS RENIUS, TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR

Per the request of the township board at the last regular meeting, Chris Renius, Township Assessor showed a power point presentation explaining Proposal A, and gave examples of the effects it is having on property taxes and values. Board members asked questions, and thanked Mr. Renius for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO PLANNING/ZONING & BUILDING FEE SCHEDULES

Jenkins presented this request, outlining the various changes. The change to the building fees would allow the department to charge a \$25.00 registration fee for each roofing job a company does, rather than an annual fee of \$25.00, further protecting the homeowner and township. The change to the planning fee schedule would allow mileage and inspections carried out as part of an approved site plan to be deducted from the applicant's escrow account rather than being paid out of the general fund. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to approve the changes to the Planning/Zoning & Building Fee Schedule, after removing the wording "reroofing annual registration fee" to read "reroofing fee" on the forms. 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-\$63,426.02, Fire District-\$11,803.97, Police

Fund-\$1,246.26, Park Fund-\$2,575.23, Building Inspection Fund-\$575.55, Library Operating Fund-\$10,643.64, EDC Fund-\$1,398.99, Water Revenue Fund-\$10,571.27, Road Capital Improvement Fund-\$900.00, Capital Improvements-\$8,672.93, Downtown Dev. Auth. Fund-\$13,986.33, Sewer O & M Fund-\$12,871.74 & Trust & Agency Fund-\$287,792.35 for a total of \$426,464.28. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MCRC CONTRACTS FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS ROADS-ARRA STIMULUS PACKAGE

JACKMAN & SMITH INTERSECTION

Wilburn spoke, explaining this contract would pay for design costs of \$5,000.00 for road improvements at the Jackman & Smith Road intersection, and the construction/project engineering costs to be funded 100% by ARRA "Stimulus" Project/Future Aid Project monies if they become available. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Goebel to approve the MCRC contract for design costs of \$5,000.00 for road improvements at Jackman Road and Smith Road Intersection, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

LEWIS AVENUE BETWEEN AA RAILROAD CROSSING AND PICKARD ROAD

Wilburn spoke, explaining this contract would pay for design costs of \$5,000.00 for road improvements at Lewis Avenue between AA railroad crossing and Pickard Road, and the construction/project engineering costs to be funded 100% by ARRA "Stimulus" Project/Future Aid Project monies if they become available. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the MCRC contract for design costs of \$5,000.00 for road improvements to Lewis Avenue from AA railroad crossing to Pickard Road, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

BEDFORD PORTION OF STERNS ROAD BETWEEN US-24 & M-125

Wilburn spoke, explaining this contract would pay for design costs of \$1,500.00 for road improvements on the Bedford portion of Sterns Road between US-24 and M-125, with the construction/project engineering costs to be funded 100% by ARRA "Stimulus" Project/Future Aid Project monies if they become available. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to approve the MCRC contract for design costs of \$1,500.00 for the township's portion of road improvements to Sterns Road between US-24 & M-125, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

VARIOUS PRIMARY ROADS

Wilburn spoke, explaining this contract would pay for design costs of \$3,500.00 for road improvements to various primary roads in the township, with the construction/project engineering costs to be funded 100% by ARRA "Stimulus" Project/Future Aid Project monies if they become available. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the MCRC contract for design costs OF \$3,500.00 for overband crack fill on various primary roads in Bedford Township, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joyce Beech, 3222 Consear Road, commented on problems with excessive noise from a restaurant/bar near her home, then provided the board with a written handout.

Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek, read letter to the board, explaining the repair process for local subdivision roads.

Nancy Tienvieri, 3962 Coachman, questioned the boards recent approvals on road issues.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Hurley – Mentioned she had been to Lansing with the Senior Citizen’s group, and Bedford was well represented. Hurley also informed the board that Senator Richardville was in Bedford today, discussing issues with senior citizens.

Goebel – Mentioned the budget and budget cuts made for the 2009-10 fiscal year, and invited residents to attend the fireworks display on July 31, 2009.

O’Dell – Thanked Mr. Renius for his presentation on Proposal A.

Francis – Commented on the noise ordinance issue and road improvement issue, and suggested an article in newsletter explaining budget issues.

Meyer – Stated tax bills have been sent out, and reminded residents if they had not received theirs or if they wished to apply for a deferment to contact her office.

Schockman – Spoke regarding special assessments, and stated this information has been in the newsletter and newspapers in the past and will be published again.

Wilburn – Thanked everyone for their comments, and spoke to the noise and road improvements issues that were mentioned in public comment. He also mentioned the sewer line that is being installed from the Secor/Smith intersection south to the Ohio Michigan line, and the traffic problems occurring at that site.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary