

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
June 2, 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, Dennis Jenkins, Planning/Zoning Coordinator,
David Manning, Finance Director

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 2009-10 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to open the public hearing to approve the 2009-2010 General Fund budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

No one from the audience spoke.

Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by O'Dell to close the public hearing to approve the 2009-2010 General Fund budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Finance Director Manning spoke, thanking the budget committee and the township board for the many hours of hard work put into preparing this budget. He also mentioned this is the first budget in several years to balance revenues and expenditures without the need to use any carryover of previous fund balances. Recommended are budget cuts of over \$700,000, necessitated by the State of Michigan's reduction of state shared revenues. Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Francis to approve the 2009-2010 General Fund budget, 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 2009-10 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS BUDGET

Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to open the public hearing to approve the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Fund budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

No one from the audience spoke.

Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by O'Dell to close the public hearing to approve the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Fund budget. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

Finance Director Manning spoke, again thanking everyone for their input into the preparation of this budget. Francis spoke, asking for clarification on approving funds that do not have a budget. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Hurley to approve the 2009-2010 Special Revenue Fund budget, as presented, with the amendment to approve the remaining Special Revenue Fund

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budgets at the next board meeting. 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 Hurley, seconded by Meyer 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.

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 - None

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS ORDINANCE

Schockman spoke, informing the board of the reasoning behind the amendment to the existing peddlers and solicitor's ordinance, which is to require nonprofit organizations to file for a permit to peddle or solicit, as well as for profit organizations, thereby giving the township the ability to better control or monitor soliciting activities in Bedford Township. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Schockman, seconded by Hurley to approve the amendment to the peddlers and solicitors ordinance. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF ROAD ABANDONMENT, OUTLOT A, MOHAWK TRAIL

Jenkins, Planning/Zoning Coordinator, spoke, stating the residents adjoining Outlot A had come to the township with this request. The MCRC has indicated they have no jurisdiction over this lot, and the lot cannot be used as a road due to the current development and wetlands in the area. It is requested that the property be divided equally between the adjoining lot owners. The township attorney spoke, stating the township cannot give warranty of title because the township does not have title to the property, which was designated for public use. He recommended the board approve the abandonment of the township's interest in the lot and issue a quick claim deed to that effect. Discussion followed. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the abandonment of the township's interest in Outlot A, Mohawk Trail, as presented and if necessary, quick claim that interest, per the township attorney's suggestion. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF NEW SMALL WINE MAKER LICENSE AND TRANSFER OF LOCATION FOR BPNC

Wilburn spoke, explaining this is an existing manufacturing business in the township that is moving to another location within the township and requesting an additional license to make wine products. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Schockman to approve the request for a new small wine maker license and transfer of location for BPNC. 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-\$14,127.75, Fire District-\$10,089.59, Police

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Fund-\$1,487.15, Park Fund-\$2,221.77, Building Inspection Fund -\$5.96, Library Operating Fund-\$4,321.14, EDC Fund-\$629.25, Rehab Fund-\$131.00, DDA Fund-\$812.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$6,692.29, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$182.60. 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 CONTRACT FOR CHLORIDE OF LOCAL ROADS

Wilburn spoke, stating our local road commission had worked hard to reduce the cost of this item from \$32,600.00 to \$20,240.00 and still provide adequate applications of chloride for our roads. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Hurley to approve the MCRC contract for chloride of local roads at a cost of \$20,240.00. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Schockman, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Absent: None.

APPROVAL OF MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP'S ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DUES

Wilburn spoke, explaining the importance of membership in the Michigan Township Association and the many different areas they give us help and information. Motion was made by O'Dell, seconded by Hurley to approve payment of the annual dues to the Michigan Township's Association for 2009-2010, at a cost of \$6,454.34. 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

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Hurley – commended the Roads Committee on their efforts to reduce costs

Wilburn – commented on the difficult current economic times

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary