

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182
November 3, 2009

PRESENT:

Walt Wilburn, Supervisor
Sherri S. Meyer, Treasurer
James Goebel, Trustee
Paul Francis, Trustee
Larry O'Dell, Trustee
Gail Hauser-Hurley, Trustee

EXCUSED:

Robert A. Schockman, Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

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.

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, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

Request for Approval of Senior Citizen Tax Penalty Waiver Resolution

Meyer spoke, explaining this resolution is approved by the township board annually, and will waive the 3% penalty tax penalty for senior citizens who file for extensions on the payment of their property taxes. Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Hurley to approve the Senior Citizen Tax Penalty Waiver Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

Request for Approval of 2009/10 Special Revenue Funds Appropriations Resolution

Finance Director Manning spoke briefly, presenting the resolution. Motion was made by Goebel, seconded by Meyer to approve the 2009/10 Special Revenue Funds Appropriations Resolution. After discussion by board members, requesting detailed information regarding the proposed changes, the motion was withdrawn by Goebel and Meyer, and tabled until the November 17, 2009 township board meeting.

Request for Approval of Resolution Amending the 2009/10 General Fund Budget

The board agreed to table this item until the November 17, 2009 township board meeting, asking for detailed information on the proposed changes.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion was made by Hurley, seconded by Goebel to approve the consent agenda as published, motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Mike Sprott, 8872 Tanglewood, spoke.

Judy Frankowski, 1115 Ashland, spoke.

Jim Duggan, 8690 Mary Meadows, spoke.

REPORTS FROM STAFF –

Change Order Information for the Renovation of Fire Dept #56

Francis spoke, stating the building committee has seen and approved these changes and explaining the change orders in detail. The expected completion date for the project has been moved back to the first week in December. Upon questioning by board members, he stated the money needed for these change orders is in reserve and available. Motion was made by Francis, seconded by Hurley to approve the change order information, as shown, for the renovation of Fire Station #56. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

NEW BUSINESS –

Approval of Bills - Motion was made by Meyer, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$49,372.13, Fire District-\$250,775.09, Police Fund-\$1,861.62, Park Fund-\$4,424.32, Building Inspection Fund-\$314.91, Library Operating Fund-\$4,784.55, EDC Fund-\$4,750.00, DDA Fund-\$10,355.25, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$382,030.18, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$919.81, for a total of \$712,287.86. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, Meyer, O'Dell, Goebel, Hurley, & Wilburn. Nays: None. Excused: Schockman.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mike Sprott, 8872 Tanglewood, spoke.

Frank Knoll, 2595 Chapel Creek, spoke.

Jim Duggan, 8690 Mary Meadows, spoke.

Kevin Tracy, 7498 Indian, spoke.

REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Hurley – Mentioned that in the past, when she was a county commissioner, the township's financial practices and accountability were considered a model for the county.

Goebel – Congratulated the Marine Corps on their 234th birthday, congratulated the Bedford Football team on going to districts, wished the Bedford Volleyball team good luck, and congratulated the Bedford Community Education program on winning the Michigan 2009 "Program of the Year" award. He also explained budget issues to the students in the audience.

O'Dell – Asked Meyer to explain the system of checks & balances and the process by which township bills are prepared for payment.

Meyer – Explained the process as requested by O'Dell, and also explained the system by which the township's accounts are balanced on a monthly basis.

Francis – Expanded on the issue, stating the State of Michigan mandates a process for accounting procedures in local governments, and an annual audit is done each year.

Wilburn – Stated a 3 member budget committee was formed 1 ½ years ago, and they meet to discuss budget items on an as needed basis. He also thanked the students who attended the meeting as well as the residents who commented at the meeting. In addition, he mentioned the proposed zoning ordinance mentioned by a resident has been turned over to the planning department for processing. His department has been receiving many calls about burning, and warned residents to follow the rules and regulations governing burning, or they will be ticketed and fined. He congratulated Dr. Magrum, the newly appointed superintendent of Bedford Public Schools, and reminded residents the township hall would be closed on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 for Veteran's Day.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Robert A. Schockman
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis
Recording Secretary