

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED
MINUTES**

- 01-19-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 01-19-02 Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ken Bergwerff opened the meeting with prayer.
- 01-19-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Dan Jensen and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.
- 01-19-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried.
- 01-19-05 The minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2014 were approved as presented.
- 01-19-06 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. No one wished to speak at this time.
- 01-19-07 Department reports were given. Tom Saladino, fire chief, reported for the fire department and announced that Gary Landheer retired on December 31, 2014 after 38 years of faithful service. The Township expresses its thanks to Gary for his service. Saladino also requested permission to appoint a new lieutenant. Deputy Flick gave a report covering the activity of the police department in the Township in the last month.
- 01-19-08 Bergwerff made a motion seconded by Oskin to approve the chief making the appointment of lieutenant depending on the fire board's approval and recommendation. **Carried.**
- 01-19-09 Correspondence was received from Deb Bouchard, Chairperson of the Bridlewood Association, regarding the problems with the present builders and the Bridlewood covenants. Copy attached. Correspondence was also received from Scott Johanson regarding the Industrial Development District request and was read into the minutes during the public hearing. Copy attached.
- 01-19-10 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda.
Carried.
- 01-19-11 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to open the public hearing for the Industrial Development District (IDD) for Davon and MyPac. **Carried.**

- 01-19-12 Ken Rizzio and Jennifer Owens of Lakeshore Advantage explained the request. The request includes four properties of approximately 11.8 acres in the village of Forest Grove on Perry Street. The petitioners would like to establish an Industrial Development District so that they can apply for a tax exemption P.A. 198 on future additions. Rizzio stressed that this is not a zoning change and doesn't affect areas outside the district. Kerri Burns, representing Davon Manufacturing talked about what they do, number of employees and changes they hope to make in the buildings. She stressed that it will not be a huge industrial district. My Pac is only looking for a tax incentive. Residents of Forest Grove and Perry Street asked many questions and had several objections. Ken Smallegan worried about the number of semi-trucks on the street blocking traffic. Scott Wagner suggested it might bring in more tax revenue and building improvements. Jack Huizenga felt it was too much expansion and cited Planning Commission regulations and special use restrictions that are currently on the property. Kevin Hager stated that we have an Industrial Park with more than 200 acres available and that we should use that area before adding more in residential/agricultural districts. We should keep the industrial in a designated region. He also referred to several of the Township Ordinances as well as the Master Plan that would be violated by allowing this district. (See copy of letter attached to the minutes.) Ron Koroleski didn't like the idea of a tax credit stating that then we all have to pay.
- 01-19-13 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to close the hearing. **Carried.**
- 01-19-14 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Altman to delay a decision so that we can get more information. This will be visited at the board meeting in February. **Carried.**
- 01-19-15 Sam Reitsma, cemetery sexton requested changes to the current cemetery policy. 1.) Restrict the number of graves that a resident can purchase to two graves and no sales to non residents in the Jamestown Cemetery. 2.) To keep the first two graves that a resident can purchase at \$100.00 each, but increase the cost of the next six graves to from \$300.00 to 400.00 in Forest Grove, Star and Zutphen cemeteries. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Pruis to implement these changes effective immediately. Bergwerff requested amending the motion to increase the charge for a grave from \$750.00 to \$1000.00 for non residents. Tacoma and Pruis agreed to the change. **Carried with Oskin and Altman opposed.**
- 01-19-16 Steven and Dale VanKooten were present to request Final Plat approval for Bridlewood Phases 5 & 6. Atty. Nettleton explained the process for Plat approvals to the board, stating that when the developer was at the Final Plat Approval level, the board had no authority to deny the request. The issues at this time are zoning types of issues and should be brought to the zoning administrator or the Zoning Board of Appeals. Pruis mentioned that the people

had a right to expect the covenants be adhered to by the current developers since changes affect the value of their property. The people elect the board members expecting the members to represent their wishes. Motion by Oskin, seconded by Bergwerff to approve the request. **Carried.**

01-19-17 Steve and Dale Van Kooten also requested Preliminary Plat Approval for the Rolling Meadows development. Motion by Oskin seconded by Bergwerff to grant the request. **Carried.**

01-19-18 Motion by Oskin seconded by Brouwer to open the public hearing for the 2015-2016 budget. **Carried.**

01-19-19 Discussion centered on the request for two paid holidays for hourly workers. Several board members stated that part time people are not usually given paid holidays. The supervisor requested appointing a deputy to assist him. Tacoma inquired how many hours per week the supervisor felt he worked for the Township. Public input was given by Scott Wagner, who was against paid holidays and Ron Koroleski, who stated at least one day of vacation pay or a bonus was in order.

01-19-20 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to close the hearing. **Carried.**

01-19-21 Motion by Oskin seconded by Jensen to adopt the resolution of the General Appropriations Act (Proposed Budget) for Jamestown Charter Township without the paid holidays included. **Carried with Bergwerff opposed.**

01-19-22 The supervisor requested that the board approve funding for engineering for a pathway along 22nd Ave. from Bridlewood, where our pathway ends, to the Township line. Jamestown would pay for the number of feet in the Township, with Georgetown and Hudsonville covering their areas. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to fund the engineering. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

01-19-23 Informational items were presented. The estimate of cost for a pathway from Riley to Country Acres was \$150,000 without a board walk in the low areas. If a board walk is needed the cost is about \$300,000. There is discussion of connecting the Fred Meijer path at Quincy and Kenowa to Georgetown. Vriesman & Korhorn volunteered to do the engineering for free provided they are hired to do engineering if the Township receives a grant. The grant cannot be written unless the engineering is complete.

01-19-24 Motion by Altman seconded by Pruis to present the bills. **Carried.**

01-19-25 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

01-19-26 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. Scott Wagner asked what the board had done regarding his request at the November 2014 meeting regarding the smart meters Consumers and DTE are installing.

01-19-27 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk