

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2015 – 7:00PM

12-21-01 The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Supervisor Bergwerff.

12-21-02 Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bergwerff opened the meeting with prayer.

12-21-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Ben Miller and Tim Tacoma.

12-21-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

12-21-05 The minutes of the regular board meeting of November 16, 2015 were approved as presented.

12-21-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Ron Koroleski requested the board to exercise care in selecting a new clerk.

12-21-07 Township reports were given. Deputy Flick reported that she was meeting with local congregations to discuss security for their churches.

12-21-08 Motion by Altman, seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda

12-21-09 Correspondence, confirmation that the board members had all received the letter for Justin Roebuck, Ottawa County Clerk. No other correspondence received.

12-21-10 Five applicants were present to interview for the position of Librarian for the Patmos library. Each applicant was interviewed by the board. The sub-committee (consisting of Deb Fridsma Library Board, Ben Miller – twp board liaison, Ken Bergwerff – twp supervisor) had previously interviewed each candidate and presented its recommendation. After the interviews each board member voted for the person they felt would best fill the position. Christina Golm was selected.

12-21-11 Four applicants were present to interview for the position of township Clerk. Each applicant was interviewed by the board. Twp Supervisor previously interviewed each candidate and was asked his opinion. After the interviews each board member voted for the person they felt would best fill the position. Candy DeHaan was selected.

The minutes above were generated from the recording and are attributed to Twp Clerk Candy DeHaan and twp Supervisor Ken Bergwerff

At this point in the meeting, 9:00, the minutes were taken over by Scott Brouwer, twp Treasurer.

The following minutes were submitted by Acting Clerk, Scott Brouwer beginning at 9:00 p.m.

12-21-12 The next agenda item was the Property Tax Poverty Guidelines Resolution. The letter from Assessor Tyler Tacoma was reviewed along with the example from Chester Township. Motion by Bergwerff supported by Altman to adopt the proposal as presented by the Assessor. **Motion carried.**

12-21-13 Pat Staskiewicz (Ottawa County Public Works Director) was present to review the Resolution of a Contract Pledging Full Faith and Credit and Taxing Power of the Township and Right to Petition for Referendum Upon the Contract. Motion by Oskin supported by Miller to approve the Contract. **Motion carried.**

12-21-14 The next item was the Resolution to Authorize Issuance of Refunding Bonds. Motion by Altman supported by Oskin to adopt this resolution. **Motion Carried.**

12-21-15 Discussion was held regarding the Resolution to Support and to Approve Financial Support for the Kenowa Avenue Trail Project. Motion by Bergwerff supported by Oskin to approve. **Motion Carried.**

12-21-16 Discussion was held regarding (as recommended by the MTA) changing auditors every few years. Motion by Oskin supported by Altman to ask for more than the one proposal in front of the Board and request a 3-5 year commitment. **Motion failed** (Brouwer and Miller voted yes, Altman, Bergwerff, Oskin and Tacoma voted no).

12-21-17 Continued auditor discussion was held. Motion by Oskin to approve the bid from Vredevelde Haefner LLC supported by Tacoma. **Motion carried.**

12-21-18 The 2016 meeting schedule was reviewed. Motion by Altman supported by Oskin to adopt the Township Board (third Monday of the month) and the Fire Board (first Monday of the month) schedules as presented. **Motion carried.**

12-21-19 The Supervisor shared about the need to set a date for a public hearing for the budget beginning April 1, 2016. Motion by Tacoma supported by Bergwerff to set the public hearing for January 18, 2016 at 7:00 or later. **Motion carried.**

12-21-20 The Supervisor shared information items including 8th Avenue and Byron Road streetlight, Riley Street Middle School addition, 2016 Ottawa County road projects and 2015 traffic counts.

12-21-21 There was a motion by Tacoma and supported by Miller to present the bills. **Motion carried.**

12-21-22 There was a motion by Tacoma and supported by Miller to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: carried.**

12-21-23 The Public was given the opportunity to speak. Jeremy Bodbyl asked about the disappearance of his yard signs advertising his business. He was referred to the Planning Commission.

12-21-24 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Brouwer

Acting Clerk