

Jamestown Charter Township
Work Session
January 10, 2011

Miedema called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Tacoma, Brouwer, Boverhof and Shaarda also in attendance. Jensen was absent without notice, Pruis absent with notice.

Miedema opened with prayer.

Work session agenda was discussion of budget for 2011.

Shaarda: Do we have an idea if the tax base is going up or down?

Brouwer: In talking with Tyler, to keep the same would be quite obtrusive. The lot prices in the developments have been reducing.

Miedema: Is the CIP included in the general fund?

Brouwer: They're are kept separate.

Shaarda: Is the money marked for the bike path going to be sufficient?

Brouwer: Don't Know.

Miedema: According to M-Dot, it's 10 to 20 percent less than normal years.

Board went through budget page by page. (Comments noted)

Comment Page 6 concerning auditors – amounts were all zeros. Brouwer commented that they must be somewhere else in report.

Assessing – Miedema stated that Tyler is interviewing a Level Two candidate from Tallmadge Township to work one day a week at Jamestown.

Clerk - no changes.

Board of Review – stayed the same. Miedema noted they were fortunate with time spent with individuals coming in.

General office – pretty much runs standard.

Treasurer – Brouwer stated it's helped out a lot to get tax information on the website. He's encouraging mortgage companies to get tax payments to him sooner and he is two weeks ahead of last year.

Building and grounds – just maintenance. Shaarda noted, just for reference, that we are about \$100 more for opening and closing graves than other places.

Sheriff Dept. – Miedema said Deputy Flick is back in school at the present time. The schools pay part of that salary. Brouwer said we're paying about 80% of the \$5500 monthly salary. Miedema stated the Deputy Flick does a good job, is community minded and is pretty well rounded.

Inspections – a lot of that is PCI.

Planning Commission – Miedema informed Board that Doug Ymker resigned.

ZBA – Brouwer said they meet maybe six times a year.

Planning & Zoning – Shaarda commented on newspaper article that Allendale has a flat rate and a fee for additional projects. Miedema said most Townships around don't have a planning department. Brouwer noted the contract runs from April to April. Shaarda said maybe we need to think about what to do in that area.

Shaarda...commenting on Planning Commission...that if we changed one ordinance, no building in front of homes, with that change – we would have three meetings a year. Boverhof asked what the other townships did. Shaarda stated they plan for it in the wording of their ordinance.

Drains – Miedema said they were meeting with Geerlings on Monday to talk about Black Creek Drain. He would like more monies set aside for the purpose of cleaning drains every year. Feels we should get in position to maintain and keep drains open and would like to see money in that fund. Stated the drain on the Poortenga property was coming up - \$40,000 plus. Shaarda questioned allowing easement verses drain payment...would that cause problems? Miedema said he didn't think so.

Roads – Brouwer said there was no amount there because he is not too confident with the figures. Has no bill yet. Miedema said he would call to get a figure.

Parks and Rec. - \$200,000 in there. Wait for bids.

Library – on their own.

Page 29 – MTT – Brouwer explained the Board of Review, cases going to the State and if win, the money gets divided up and sent back.

General Fund – Bliss Creek

Fire Operating – Miedema said he was under impression Tom was coming tonight. He is working on a long report to bring to the Board.

Capital Improvement – amount is sufficient that is listed.

Roads Capital Improvement – Miedema wondered if that was what we paid out last year. Brouwer stated that it must be listed someplace else.

Sewer Fund – Miedema said we are still trying to work that out with Georgetown. What we'll get back, so far, is \$100,000 credit. We expect more. Steve is working on that.

Miedema will get agenda done tomorrow for regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bonnie Oosterink".

Bonnie Oosterink
Deputy Clerk