

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 20, 2013 7:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

- 05-20-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Clerk Ruth Pruis.
- 05-20-02 Invocation was given by Janet Oskin.
- 05-20-03 Members present: Tim Tacoma, Janet Oskin, Ruth Pruis, Scott Brouwer, and Gail Altman. Absent with notice: Ken Bergwerff. Absent without notice: Dan Jensen.
- 05-20-04 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to appoint treasurer Scott Brouwer as chairperson of the meeting. **Carried.**
- 05-20-05 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried.**
- 05-20-06 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting with the change of resolution 04-15-15 to add the phrase "to allow the DEQ to drill the wells in order to absolve the Township of potential future liability" as requested by the supervisor. **Carried.**
- 05-20-07 Opportunity was given for public comment concerning items on the agenda. Many Bridlewood residents were present to protest the adoption of the Bridlewood Tentative Preliminary Plat Recommendations. Some of the major concerns were that Eastbrook Builders is not abiding by the set of covenants put forth in the original Bridlewood Association and that the new development did not join the Association, so is not building under the same covenants as the original. Residents were concerned about retention ponds, architectural standards, bike paths, road easements, flooding, tree removal, open spaces etc. List of comments from Ross DeJong attached.
Ron Koroleski spoke regarding the assessor's request for more time and pay for the assessing position and requested the board consider moderation in spending.
- 05-20-08 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**
- 05-20-09 Correspondence: There was no correspondence presented.
- 05-20-10 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to grant tentative preliminary plat approval for Bridlewood East and West as recommended by the Planning Commission provided the executive board of the new Bridlewood development fulfills the following conditions:
1) meet with the original Bridlewood Association

- 2) accept the by laws and covenants or mutually agreed on requirements of the existing association.
- 3) That they abide by the Planning Commission recommendations. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

05-20-11 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Altman to open the public hearing for the Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request for Real and Personal Property from Sound Off. **Carried.**

05-20-12 Ken Rizzio, OCEDO, and Tom Roe from Sound Off presented the request for \$2,155,314.00 (combined) for twelve (12) years. Comments from audience: Ron Koroleski asked why the amount couldn't be a smaller percentage (less than 50%).

05-20-13 Motion by Altman seconded by Tacoma to close the hearing. **Carried.**

05-20-14 Motion by Pruis seconded by Oskin to approve the request from Emergency Technology, Inc., dba Sound Off Signal for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a New Facility on real and personal property as requested. **Carried. Copy of resolution attached.**

05-20-15 Sarah Flick, Township law enforcement deputy, made a quarterly report.

05-20-16 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to authorize the Supervisor to appoint a seven member committee for the Parks and Recreation committee. The people contacted will be the former committee members. Other Township residents are encouraged to volunteer. One board member will serve as the board liaison to the committee. **Carried.**

05-20-17 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Altman to accept the bid of \$3,684.41 from Ascom to install a new sound and recording system in the assembly room. **Carried.**

05-20-18 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman regarding the assessor proposal to delay a decision until next month asking for more information. Brouwer stated that he was not consulted on this decision and would like to give input. **Carried.**

05-20-19 Public comment: Diane Pater commented that two board members were absent from the meeting and felt this is not acceptable. Ron Koroleski commented on the responsibility of leadership roles. Ross DeJonge inquired about connecting bike paths.

05-20-20 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Altman to present the bills. **Carried.**

05-20-21 Motion by Oskin seconded by Tacoma to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

05-20-22 The bill from Zeeland Township in the amount of \$36,133.85 for the Fred Meijer bike path was reviewed. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to refuse to pay the bill until a meeting is held with Zeeland and better accounting of the money is presented. The board felt that the payment of \$31,530.55 paid on November 15, 2012 should have completed the costs for Jamestown.
Carried.

05-20-23 Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. by Brouwer.

Ruth Pruis,
Jamestown Township Clerk

Ruth Pruis

From: R&S DeJong <radejong@chartermi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2013 9:50 PM
To: rpruis@twp.jamestown.mi.us
Subject: RE: Questions from 5/20/13 Township Board Meeting

Dear Ruth,

Attached are the questions/comments I raised at the 5/20/13 Township Board Meeting, as requested.

1) I am concerned with and question how the township can consider allowing a different set of by-laws/covenants to be enacted when the original PUD and existing subdivision already has an approved set of by-laws. Eastbrook Homes is clearly taking every avenue possible to not adhere to the same architectural requirements that have been followed by the rest of the sub-division.

2) I am concerned with language in the proposed new covenant regarding retention ponds. I request additional information on whether additional retention ponds are being considered.

3) The civil engineering report states that Ottawa County Road commission's standard allows one entrance for up to 75 lots. This proposal brings Bridlewood East up to 87 lots. With only one entrance it forces all bus stops to be located at the entrance, which is a concern considering how many cars enter and exit during the morning and evening periods. Even though the new proposal decreases the number of lots by two, I question why we would knowingly approve exceeding Ottawa County Road commission standards and endanger our children.

4) The civil engineering report states that "it would be beneficial for the water system if the phase providing a connection to the Equestrian Drive watermain was constructed prior to the currently proposed phase". I am concerned with and request more information regarding what this statement means to the safety and water flow quality of the subdivision.

5) The minutes from the planning commission from April 16 make mention of fees for a bike path during the Bridlewood Preliminary Plat Review discussion. Since 22nd ave already has a bike path on the west side of the road, I would like to understand what bike path is being discussed or considered.

6) Existing lot # 120, a corner lot, was just completed this Spring. It is an extremely beautiful home. The original PUD had an easement on the north side of lot #120. The home owner purchased and invested into his lot with the expectation that easement would remain in perpetuity per the planned PUD. The new proposal in "Bridlewood East" has removed this easement and Lot #1 is directly adjacent to lot #120. This easement/spacing needs to be corrected back to original plan.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Best regards,
Ross DeJong
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