

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
April 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED
MINUTES**

- 04-15-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Ken Bergwerff.
- 04-15-02 Invocation was given by Dan Jensen.
- 04-15-03 Members present: Tim Tacoma, Dan Jensen, Janet Oskin, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Scott Brouwer and Gail Altman. Absent: None.
- 04-15-04 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the agenda after moving the hook-up fee structure to the beginning of the agenda so Boss and Korhorn could leave. **Carried.**
- 04-15-05 The minutes of the March 18, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.
- 04-15-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Ron Koroleski requested that the board make an effort to save money and not to let decisions made by other townships determine what our policies ought to be.
- 04-15-07 Motion by Brouwer seconded by Jensen to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**
- 04-15-08 A letter of correspondence was received from Ron Koroleski. (Attached.)
- 04-15-09 Financing the sewer relocation was discussed at length. Bos suggested a possibility of getting a grant/loan from the state in the form of SAW – Storm Water Assist Management and Wastewater. The details and application will be available in August of 2013. Bos will contact Ken Rizzio (OCEDO) regarding this opportunity.
- 04-15-10 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Tacoma to select Option C, construction of a lift station behind Spring Grove at a preliminary cost of \$1.2 million and consider the abandonment of the three existing lift stations for the future. **Carried.**
- 04-15-11 Discussion was held regarding lowering hook-up fees for commercial, industrial properties in order to encourage business and industry to come to Jamestown. Pruis pointed out that Jamestown already encourages growth by giving generous tax abatements. Brouwer pointed out that the tax levy in Jamestown is lower than other areas. Since the sewer fund is in need of money, the extra would have to be made up by the residential customers. The board did not feel this was a good option so the fees will remain the same.

- 04-15-12 Motion by Pruis seconded by Oskin to delay until May a change in the assessing department structure which would include an increase in pay for the assessor. **Carried.**
- 04-15-13 Ottawa County representatives presented a Water Resource Study to the board and requested financing for more studies. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Pruis not to participate. **Roll call vote: Denied. Yes: Tacoma and Pruis. No: Oskin, Brouwer, Altman, Bergwerff and Jensen.**
- 04-15-14 Motion by Brouwer seconded by Oskin to give \$500 toward the study. **Roll call vote: Carried. Yes: Tacoma, Oskin, Pruis, Berwerff and Brouwer. No: Jensen and Altman.**
- 04-15-15 The DEQ made a presentation asking to drill wells in the basement of the Fire Station to test the water again citing contamination of the ground water 20-25 years ago by leakage from Jamestown Automotive. They are speculating that there might be a vapor containing carcinogens. It was established that the basement of the Fire station is never used by the department. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Jensen to allow the DEQ to drill the wells. **Carried: Yes: Tacoma, Jensen, Altman, Oskin and Bergwerff. No: Brouwer and Pruis.**
- 04-15-16 The Parks and Recreation Committee discussion was delayed until the May meeting.
- 04-15-17 Pathways update: There is enough money in the fund to do a short pathway. Motion by Brouwer seconded by Tacoma to get RFP's on 24th from the Country Acres development to the village, on 24th from Quincy to Greenly and on Riley St. from Country Hills to the village. **Carried.**
- 04-15-18 Hazard Mitigation: No action.
- 04-15-19 The chair was reminded that a decision was supposed to be made regarding getting an appraisal of Township land, delayed from the March board meeting. Motion by Bergwerff seconded Oskin to have the piece at the corner of 24th and Greenly appraised. **Carried.**
- 04-15-20 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to present the bills. **Carried.**
- 04-15-21 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Jensen to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**
- 04-15-22 Diane Pater stated that no one had contacted her about putting the sewer line on her land and if the Township uses the location by Spring Grove, it will go through her property. The board was under the impression the engineer had

taken care of this matter as it was discussed in January. This situation could change the decision of motion 04-15-10.

04-15-23 Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk