

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 19, 2013 7:00 p.m.

- 08-19-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 08-19-02 Opening prayer was given by Scott Brouwer.
- 08-19-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Dan Jensen and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.
- 08-19-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Brouwer to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried.
- 08-19-05 The minutes of the regular board meeting held July 15, 2013 were approved as presented.
- 08-19-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Public comments were made by the following: Ron Koroleski questioned paying the attorney for a property line civil dispute and Ken Souser spoke against having a fireworks ordinance that is more restrictive than the state ordinance.
- 08-19-07 Motion by Jensen seconded by Brouwer to approve the consent agenda.
Carried.
- 08-19-08 A letter of correspondence was received from Mary Gilligan and also one from Larry Merrill from the Michigan Township Association. (Both attached.)
- 08-19-09 Motion by Pruis seconded by Jensen to approve the request from Ken Rizzio to continue support of the Ottawa County Economic Development Office, Inc. in the amount of \$1,586. This is the same amount as the membership fee for last year. **Carried.**
- 08-19-10 Motion by Oskin seconded by Jensen to approve the resolution from the Grand Valley Metro Council to approve the addition of Ada Township and the withdrawal of the Village of Sparta and Sparta Township from the Metro Council. **Carried.** (Attached.)
- 08-19-11 Deputy Sarah Flick requested a donation of \$100 from the Township to purchase a brick for a memorial for the police officers of Ottawa County. Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman for the Township to donate the \$100.
Carried.
- 08-19-12 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Jensen to adopt the Principles of Governance from the MTA. **Carried.** (Attached.)

- 08-19-13 The first reading was held for the Subdivision Ordinance.
- 08-19-14 The Cemetery Ordinance was brought back to the board for discussion. Suggestions were made for greater restrictions than are currently in the ordinance. A decision was delayed until more research is done.
- 08-19-15 The board discussed the secondary road policy, the paving of roads, repaving of roads within developments, revenue and assisting Allegan with the cost to regravell the unpaved portion of Ottogan. Tacoma wanted more information regarding the number of residents versus the cost for repaving in the developments. Jamestown had previously agreed to cover one half the cost of dust control for Ottogan for this year. The treasurer pointed out that all the road millage money is already allocated for Jamestown Township roads for this year. Although Ottogan is the responsibility of Allegan County, many Jamestown residents live on Ottogan, so this will be revisited next year.
- 08-19-16 The first reading was held for the Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance to amend Section 3.5 – the keeping of animals in the Township.
- 08-19-17 The Supervisor reported on the status on the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- 08-19-18 The Fireworks Ordinance was brought back to the board for discussion. After lengthy discussion, the first reading was held for the Ordinance to Regulate the Ignition, Discharge and Use of Consumer Fireworks in the Township.
- 08-19-19 The exchange of the Township corner lot with a similar sized lot on Greenly St. with the Pater family was discussed at length. Some of the issues are the number of feet of frontage, the cost of demolition of the buildings, and the cost of the sewer that is on the Township property but not on the Pater land. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to have Jensen and Bergwerff meet with the Paters and discuss purchasing more land in the trade. They were asked to come back to the board with at least two options for board discussion. **Carried.**
- 08-19-20 The resolution for contacting the attorney was not acted on.
- 08-19-21 The Supervisor informed the board that there will be an increase in sewage rates between 16% and 17%. This is to cover an increase in cost of sewer treatment and an increase in the debt rate.
- 08-19-22 The Supervisor informed the board that the Township received a grant from MDOT that will pay 60% of the construction of a pathway between Quincy St. and Greenly St. This does not pay for the engineering. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to approve the matching funding from the Township and to hire Prein and Newhof to do the engineering. The paperwork must begin immediately to qualify for the grant. **Carried.**

08-19-23 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to present the bills. **Carried.**

08-19-24 Motion by Altman seconded by Tacoma to pay the bills. **Roll call vote:
Carried.**

08-19-25 Opportunity was given for public comment. No one wished to comment at this time.

08-19-26 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Ruth Pruis,
Jamestown Township Clerk