

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2013 7:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

- 07-15-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Ken Bergwerff.
- 07-15-02 Invocation was given by Ruth Pruis.
- 07-15-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Dan Jensen and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.
- 07-15-04 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the agenda as presented.
Carried.
- 07-15-05 The minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2013 were approved as presented.
- 07-15-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Public comment was made by the following: Ken Souser spoke regarding the fireworks ordinance asking that it not be too restrictive and maybe just added to the noise ordinance. Ron Koroleski also asked that it not be too restrictive of people's rights and to stay with the state ordinance. Dick Falbe requested that the fireworks ordinance needs common sense restrictions.
- 07-15-07 Reports from the fire department were accepted for information.
- 07-15-08 Motion by Jensen seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**
- 07-15-09 Correspondence was received from Kevin Gilliam and Dianne Mumpower regarding a fireworks/noise ordinance. Allen Petroelje sent a letter to Joe Bush, Ottawa County water resources commissioner, regarding the retention pond proposed by Bridlewood East. (Copies attached.)
- 07-15-10 Ken Visser of Visser Appraisals, Ltd., presented their appraisal of the Pater property and the Township property with respect to a possible trade for the Township property at the corner of Greenly and 24th with a property of Pater's on Greenly St. Given the estimate of \$60,000 to demolish the buildings on the corner property which are a liability, he suggested that the land value is \$6,900 per acre and that it would be an even trade to exchange the 12.72 acres with Pater. Lengthy discussion was held with the Supervisor suggesting that it would be beneficial to make the exchange because it would make the acreage contiguous to an existing parcel of 20 acres the Township currently owns. He suggested that the Township be forward thinking and negotiate to purchase more acreage from the Paters to be used for new buildings, ball fields and parks in the future. It was noted that the school has several ball fields and that

we check with them regarding use for residents. The board decided that the Supervisor should have a conversation with Paters about the exchange and purchase. He is also to have a discussion with the schools regarding use of their facilities.

- 07-15-11 Spring Grove Farms subdivision requested a waiver from going back to the Planning Commission before final plat approval because of time constraint. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Tacoma to grant a waiver to Spring Grove Farms from bringing the final plat approval before the Planning Commission. **Carried.**
- 07-15-12 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to approve the final plat approval to Spring Grove Farms. **Carried.**
- 07-15-13 Supervisor Bergwerff will bring an amendment for the Subdivision Control Ordinance to the board at the next board meeting.
- 07-15-14 The Fireworks Ordinance was discussed at length. Deputy Flick gave the board a copy of the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act and requested that Jamestown adopt an ordinance consistent with surrounding cities and townships so that the law enforcement agencies would be able to issue citations more easily. The Michigan law, however, puts restrictions on how local units of government can accomplish this. It allows local units to regulate the use of consumer fireworks between midnight or 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on the day before, the day of, and the day after a national holiday. Part of the discussion was regarding other nuisance and noise issues. This will be brought to the next board meeting.
- 07-15-15 The Supervisor volunteered to take over the position of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) coordinator. Motion by Altman seconded by Jensen to appoint Bergwerff FOIA coordinator beginning immediately. **Carried.**
- 07-15-16 A request has been made by a Township resident to have a private cemetery. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the problems created with private cemeteries. This will be discussed again at the next board meeting.
- 07-15-17 The supervisor stated he wrote letters to previous parks and recreation meeting members asking if they wished to continue on the committee.
- 07-15-18 The board was asked to review the MTA principles of Governance Excellence and be ready to vote on it next month.
- 07-15-19 The Supervisor reported on speed limits, Bridlewood and road improvements.
- 07-15-20 Motion by Jensen seconded by Brouwer to present the bills. **Carried.**

07-15-21 Motion by Jensen seconded by Oskin to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

07-15-22 Opportunity was given for public comment. Koroleski thought signs when entering the village would help slow traffic.

07-15-23 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk