

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2013 7:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

- 03-18-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Ruth Pruis.
- 03-18-02 Invocation was given by Tim Tacoma.
- 03-18-03 Members present: Tim Tacoma, Dan Jensen, Janet Oskin, Ruth Pruis, Scott Brouwer, and Gail Altman. Absent with notice: Ken Bergwerff.
- 03-18-04 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Pruis to appoint treasurer Scott Brouwer as chairperson of the meeting. **Carried. Opposed: Brouwer.**
- 03-18-05 Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma to approve the agenda, moving the Boss Contract revision to the first action item so that Steve Boss will not have to stay for the entire meeting, to add to the agenda discussion of calling extra meetings and to correct item 9-d-1 from "ordinances approved" to "ordinances first reading". **Carried.**
- 03-18-06 The minutes of the February 18, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.
- 03-18-07 Opportunity was given for public comment for items on the agenda. Mr. Wychers, inquired why he wasn't on the agenda saying he had been told his complaint would be an agenda item. Several residents from 28th Ave./Mason St. and Greenly St. spoke regarding the road paving. Ron Koroleski spoke regarding responsible spending and accountability from the board. (Copy attached.) Dennis McKee, from Consumers Energy spoke briefly to the board and residents regarding replacing the meters in the Township with the new "smart" meters. This will begin in May and take place over the next two years. The residents will be notified in advance and have the right to refuse. However, there will be a charge for refusing.
- 03-18-08 Tom Saladino, fire chief, reported for the fire department. He requested permission to sell the two fire trucks that were replaced and also permission from the board to accept the resignation of Jim Zuidema from the department. Motion by Pruis seconded by Oskin to approve selling of the fire trucks for the best price. **Carried.**
- 03-18-09 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to accept the resignation of Jim Zuidema from the fire department. **Carried.**
- 03-18-10 Motion by Jensen seconded by Tacoma to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**

- 03-18-11 Correspondence: There was a letter from Beth Clark, 499 Creekside Trail regarding the road paving. (Attached.)
- 03-18-12 The first item on the agenda was the request from Boss & Sons Environmental for an increase in hourly rates for all B&SE employees of \$2.00 per hour. Discussion was held regarding the amount of liability insurance required with an increase in costs for B&SE. This will be looked into. No increases were authorized at this time.
- 03-18-13 The clerk asked for volunteers to serve on the election commission. Two trustees are needed to fulfill the law. The commission is chaired by the clerk, who handed out the MTA rules governing the commission. Altman and Oskin volunteered. Motion by Jensen seconded by Tacoma to appoint Altman and Oskin as the trustee representatives on the commission. **Carried.**
- 03-18-14 Discussion was held regarding the supervisor's recommendation (see agenda) to pave Greenly and Mason/28th Ave in the next three years. The treasurer went over the finances of the Township. Total cost of the projects plus the reconstruction of 12th Ave. and the final payment of the mile on 28th done last year brings the total to \$1,600,000. The millage comes up for renewal in 2014, before the project would be paid for. Residents from both street areas asked that the preparation and paving be done in one year to minimize the inconvenience to residents. Since the money is not there for such a long range project, a motion was made by Altman and seconded by Oskin to prepare and pave Greenly St. in 2013. The paving will be bid out by the County. Maxon/28th will be the next road to be paved when the funds are available.
Roll call vote: Carried.
- 03-18-15 The board was reminded of the invitation to attend the Ottawa County Road Commission meeting on Wednesday, March 27.
- 03-18-16 Salem Township requested assistance in paying for upkeep of Ottogan, which is a Town Line road. Ottogan is the responsibility of Salem Township. Discussion was centered on how to accommodate Jamestown residents who live on the north side of Ottogan. Motion by Pruis seconded by Jensen to tell Salem that Jamestown will do dust control two times and Salem Township must also agree to do dust control two times. The supervisor will consult with the County regarding doing basic maintenance. **Carried.**
- 03-18-17 Farmland property appraisal: Motion to delay until a future meeting: Jensen/Altman. **Carried.**
- 03-18-18 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to adopt Ordinance #13-001, An Ordinance to amend the Jamestown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by amending section 8.4A4 – Development Requirements, yard and Lot

Requirements, Lot Width Requirements, Lot Width and Area, as presented.
Carried. (Copy attached.)

- 03-18-19 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to adopt Ordinance #13-002, An Ordinance to Amend the Jamestown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by Amending Section 2.84 – Reserved for Future Use, Section 2.85 - Public Utility and Section 20.6 – Restoration and Repairs, as presented. **Carried.** (Copy attached.)
- 03-18-20 Discussion was held regarding having a meeting next week Monday, March 25. Since meetings cost the taxpayer around \$1,700 and there is no urgent business for that meeting, it was suggested that we wait until the April meeting to deal with that business. Brouwer also suggested that we use the 5th Monday of a month if extra meetings are really needed so that the public and board members can plan for it. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to hold the regular meeting April 15 as scheduled and to reserve the 5th Mondays if an extra meeting is needed. **Carried. Opposed: Jensen.**
- 03-18-21 Motion by Pruis seconded by Oskin to approve the Operation and Maintenance Transfer Agreement for Wastewater Collection System and Water Distribution System between the County Road Commission and the Township (draft dated March 1, 2013 to be effective March 31, 2013) and to authorize and direct the execution of the agreement by the Township Supervisor and Clerk, with such changes as are deemed necessary by the Township Supervisor in consultation with the Township Attorney. **Carried.**
- 03-18-22 Public comment: Mr. Myers had some suggestions regarding the road grid the Planning Commission uses determining priorities for road paving.
- 03-18-23 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Jensen to present the bills. **Carried.**
- 03-18-24 Motion by Jensen seconded by Oskin to pay the bills. **Carried.**
- 03-18-25 Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. by Brouwer.

Ruth Pruis,
Jamestown Township Clerk