

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 17, 2014 7:00 p.m.

- 03-17-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 03-17-02 Invocation was given by Ruth Pruis.
- 03-17-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Tim Tacoma and Dan Jensen. Absent: None.
- 03-17-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to approve the agenda with a correction requested by Bergwerff to put item 8d (Master Plan discussion) later on the agenda. **Carried.**
- 03-17-05 The minutes of the regular meeting held February 17, 2014 were approved as presented.
- 03-17-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Ben Miller spoke regarding road maintenance. Robert Vanden Berg and Dave Vonk both asked questions regarding the Perry Street Sand Mine and the 28 Acre pond that will be created.
- 03-17-07 Correspondence: A letter of communication was received from the Township auditors Siegfried, Crandall. A letter was also received from Doug & Vicki Nyenhuis regarding the paving of Township gravel roads. It included a request that the road money be used to pave the roads rather than repaving "cul-de-sac" roads that only a few use. (Copy attached.) Ben Miller also submitted a letter requesting that the road money be used to maintain roads in subdivision roads that "have a large number of homes per square mile unlike (non-subdivision) roads that have only a few homes over a mile". (Copy attached.)
- 03-17-08 Motion by Altman seconded by Jensen to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**
- 03-17-09 A discussion was held regarding road improvement policy for the Township. Bergwerff will try to have a policy available for the April board meeting incorporating suggestions given during the discussion.
- 03-17-10 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to approve the Road Improvement Millage resolution proposal for placement on the ballot for the primary election to be held August 5, 2014. **Carried.** (Attached.)

- 03-17-11 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to approve the Fire Department Millage renewal proposal for fire department operations for placement on the ballot for the primary election to be held August 5, 2014. **Carried.** (Copy attached.)
- 03-17-12 Library pay increases were discussed. Oskin suggested a 10% increase for the director instead of the requested 20%. Altman suggested that all Township employees should have a performance review. The other suggested salary increases for the library personnel were not debated. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Jensen to do a budget amendment increasing all library salaries in the amount requested except to increase the director's salary by 10% instead of 20%. **Carried.**
- 03-17-13 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to adopt Ordinance #14-002 (Conditional Rezoning of land at Greenly and 24th Ave. from residential to business/industrial). **Carried. Yes: Altman, Brouwer, Oskin, Bergwerff, Jensen. Opposed: Tacoma and Pruis.** Pruis requested that her reasons be recorded in the minutes as the following: 1. This (rezoning) is in conflict with current Jamestown Township Ordinances. 2. There is no hardship presented because the land is not owned by the person requesting the rezoning. 3. There have been neighbor protests as stated in the letter the Township received from the Hudsonville Public Schools. 4. Jamestown Township has a carefully planned business/industrial region with room available. This sets a precedent for others to establish business/industrial outside the areas designated by the Township. 5. It is a safety hazard to put this type of business in a residential district, especially across from an elementary school where there is extra traffic of cars, bicycles and pedestrians.
- 03-17-14 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to approve the contract for the cemetery sexton with Reitsma Property Maintenance for the 2014 – 2015 year. **Carried.**
- 03-17-15 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to approve the resolution from the Grand Valley Metro Council to Approve Amendment No. 38 in The Articles of Incorporation of the Grand Valley Metro Council to add Lowell Township as a GVMC member. (Copy attached.) **Carried.**
- 03-17-16 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to approve Ordinance #14-003: the Cross Connection Ordinance for water as provided by the DEQ in standard form, which will regulate cross connections with the public water system. (Copy attached.) **Carried. Yes: Tacoma, Jensen, Bergwerff, Oskin, Brouwer, Pruis and Altman.**
- 03-17-17 The request from Perry Street Partners regarding the Perry Street Sand Mine with a lake of 28 acres was opened for the public to ask questions. Lengthy discussion was held with concern by neighbors regarding the ground water levels and contamination being expressed. Other concerns were also

addressed. A resolution will be prepared for the April board meeting which should address some of these concerns. It will include a required letter of credit for Ottawa County for the roads as well as a letter of credit for the Township for \$1600 per acre up to 10 acres (the largest number of acres they will be working on at one time). It will also include a guarantee for property owners living in the vicinity for their wells.

03-17-18 Motion by Jensen seconded by Tacoma to present the bills. **Carried.**

03-17-19 Motion by Jensen seconded by Tacoma to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

03-17-20 Opportunity was given for public comment. Ron Koroleski requested that road millage not be used to maintain private roads, that associations should maintain these roads.

Commissioner Ron Holtrop introduced himself to the board as a candidate running for state representative. This will open the 5th District County Commission seat for another candidate.

03-17-21 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Charter Township Clerk