

**Jamestown Charter Township Board**

**Jamestown Township Hall**

**July 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.**

**UNAPPROVED  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ken Bergwerff at 7:02 p.m.

Invocation was given by Ken Bergwerff.

**Members present:** Gail Altman, Trustee; Scott Brouwer, Treasurer; Ken Bergwerff, Supervisor;  
Janet Oskin, Trustee; and Tim Tacoma, Trustee.

**Also present:** Mark Nettleton, Township Attorney

**Member absent with notice:** Ruth Pruis, Clerk

**Member absent without notice:** Dan Jensen, Trustee

Motion by Janet Oskin and seconded by Ken Bergwerff to **approve agenda as presented.**

**Carried with Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

Motion by Tim Tacoma and seconded by Scott Brouwer to **approve regular meeting minutes** held June 16, 2014, as presented.

**Carried with Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

\* Supervisor Bergwerff noted that Item 06.16.17 for \$53,055 to repair the pathway between 24<sup>th</sup> & 32<sup>nd</sup> was an increase from the initial estimate due to the installation of necessary drains that were not originally installed.

Opportunity was given for **public comment:**

David Kroll, House 90<sup>th</sup> District Candidate; introduced himself, shared political aspirations, and requested township support.

**Department reports as follows:**

**Fire Department:** no report available.

Ken B. & Janet O. both commended the fire department on their quick response to recent calls made on their behalf.

**Treasurer Report** was given by Scott Brouwer:

- 1) Explanation was given for the most recent revenue check received was back to normal from previous month decrease in revenue.
- 2) State of Michigan issued the township a refund check for an overpayment for miscalculation for the Meijer Trail.

**Sheriff's Deputy:** report to begin in August.

Motion by Tim Tacoma and seconded by Janet Oskin to **approve Consent Agenda.**

**Carried with Aye: 5 Nay: 0**

**Building Inspector:** no report

Discussion was held regarding the statutory need of the **Library Board Election** scheduled to take place in November 2016.

**Gravel Inspector:** no report available.

**Cemetery:** burials = 1

**Planning Commission:** no report available.

**Correspondence:** no correspondence due to the absence of Ruth Pruis.

Discussion was held at length to determine a need for a **Compensation Commission** to set guidelines, create job descriptions, and set paid salaries. Ruth Pruis was commended for job performance.

Motion by Tim Tacoma for **tentative approval for Mason/28<sup>th</sup> paving project** with making payments over a two (2) year period if millage is approved on the upcoming ballot and seconded by Janet Oskin.

**Carried** with Aye: 5 Nay: 0

**Snow removal** for sidewalks in the village was discussed at length with questions of concerns for safety and liability responsibilities.

**Animal/Poultry Ordinance:** Supervisor Bergwerff noted first (1<sup>st</sup>) reading.

Motion made by Gail Altman and seconded by Janet Oskin to adopt **Ordinance #14-004** referencing:

- 1) Limits of Power – section 22.9 to ease the restriction on the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- 2) Minimum landscaping within Required Buffer yards – section 26.3 (table 26.1).
- 3) Permitted Uses – section 13.2.

**Carried** with Aye: 5 Nay: 0

*Five (5) minute recess requested by Supervisor Bergwerff to copy proposal for revised fee structure for the Planning Commission Zoning Board of Appeals. (see attached)*

**Planning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals** rate change and associated fee policy was discussed at length with the need for clarity and accountability of billings and rate changes.

Discussion was held for Township Board approval to renegotiate the Township Planner to be a salary position.

Discussion was held for the need of the Treasurer and Supervisor to review all billings prior to being sent.

Motion by Gail Altman and seconded by Janet Oskin to approve **Option #3 to waive fees for Craig Snoegink**. (see attachments)

**Carried** with Aye: 3 (Altman/Brouwer/Oskin) Nay: 2 (Bergwerff/Tacoma)

Motion by Scott Brouwer and seconded by Janet Oskin to approve **Option #3 to waive fees for Larry Boldt**

**Carried** with Aye: 4 (Altman/Bergwerff/Brouwer/Oskin) Nay: 1 (Tacoma)

Motion by Janet Oskin and seconded by Gail Altman to approve **Option #2 regarding Jeremy Bodbyl to waive the current planner fees**.

**Carried** with Aye: 5 Nay: 0

\* Note per Jeremy Bodbyl that he has met with planner, but has not completed application to date.

*Mark Pater entered the meeting at 8:25 p.m.*

After lengthy discussion to clarify all billings a motion was made by Tim Tacoma and seconded by Ken Bergwerff for **Mark Pater to pay the sum of \$1,129.50** subtracting the previous paid fees to township of \$2,046 from the attorney billing of \$3,175.50.

**NO Motion Carried** with Aye: 2 (Bergwerff/Tacoma) Nay: 3 (Altman/Brouwer/Oskin)

Motion by Janet Oskin and seconded by Gail Altman for **Mark Pater to pay the sum of \$564.75** dividing the previous motion payment of \$1,129.50 by half; also noting previous paid fees to township of \$2,046.

**Carried** with Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1 (Tacoma)

Motion by Tim Tacoma to **refund all tax payers the amount of legal fees waived for Mark Pater in the amount of \$564.75**. No second for motion. Motion dies.

**NO Motion carried.**

**Informational items discussed:**

**OCRC Millage Proposal** public hearing at 1:30 p.m. on, July 22, 2014, at the Fillmore Street Complex.

**Greentree 2** development contract waiving of availability - frontage fees package will be available for discussion at August meeting.

Motion by Tim Tacoma to **approve bills as presented** and seconded by Janet Oskin.

**Carried** with Aye: 5 Nay: 0

Motion by Tim Tacoma for **approval to pay bills as presented** and seconded by Ken Bergwerff.

**Carried** with Aye: 5 Nay: 0

**Public Comment for items NOT on the agenda:**

Ron Koroleski of 2967 – 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hudsonville, MI, addressed the board expressing disfavor of the decision made to dismiss part of the fees incurred by Mark Pater and misappropriation of tax dollar with lack of accountability and vision.

Hearing no objections **meeting adjourned** at 9:58 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.

**Next meeting** to be held at Jamestown Township Building on Monday, August 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leigh Anne Smallegan and submitted on July 23, 2014.