

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
January 20, 2014 7:00 p.m.

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

- 01-20-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 01-20-02 Opening prayer was given by Ken Bergwerff.
- 01-20-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Dan Jensen and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.
- 01-20-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Brouwer to approve the agenda with a change suggested by Bergwerff to move fire department repeater antenna to "reports". **Carried.**
- 01-20-05 The minutes of the regular meeting held December 16, 2013 were approved as presented.
- 01-20-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Deb Bouchard requested permission to comment during the Bridlewood preliminary plat approval. Sonja DeJong had comments concerning the covenants regarding plats 5 & 6 in Bridlewood. Ben Miller spoke regarding repaving of roads in developments. Mick McGraw, Eastbrook Homes, requested time to comment during discussion of Bridlewood. Ron Koroleski stated disappointment that he wasn't appointed to the Planning Commission or ZBA since he is a concerned citizen and attends all meetings, and volunteered for the appointments.
- 01-20-07 The fire department report was given by Tom Saladino. Saladino introduced Kyle Zwak, recommending his approval as a firefighter. Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to appoint Kyle to the fire department. **Carried.**
- 01-20-08 Saladino also reported that the fire repeater antenna fell in a wind storm. Insurance has been contacted. Saladino stated that instead of constructing another tower, he is working with Clearwater Communications to lease space on their tower for \$50 per month, with no termination time of the lease. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to sign the contract and see if the insurance will cover the cost of the equipment. **Carried.**
- 01-20-09 Saldino also requested permission to sign a contract for computer software with Firehouse I Cloud for five years. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to grant permission to sign the contract. **Carried.**
- 01-20-10 Correspondence: A letter of resignation from the Planning Commission was received from Kyle De Haan. Motion by Pruis seconded by Bergwerff to

accept the resignation with thanks from the board for his years of service.
Carried.

- 01-20-11 Three letters were received from the Bridlewood Association regarding the final preliminary plat approval for Bridlewood 5 & 6.
- 01-20-12 Motion by Jensen seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**
- 01-20-13 Bergwerff talked about the year 2014 being the Year of the Bible and suggested that Jamestown Township residents read through the Bible this year. He gave a handout to assist with this.
- 01-20-14 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to open the public hearing for the budget 2014-2015 fiscal year. **Carried.**
- 01-20-15 Jensen stated that he was not in favor of giving the increases that were proposed. He also stated that the library should have increases in addition to the two days of paid vacation that were proposed for the library. Altman stated that raises should only be given on merit. Pruis stated that she did not ask for a raise, but that she felt she fulfilled her duties with diligence. Audience remarks were varied with some grateful for good service and others feeling that we need to reduce expenditures. Pruis suggested that the township appoint a salary compensation committee to look at the pay of elected officials.
- 01-20-16 Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma to close the hearing. **Carried.**
- 01-20-17 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Tacoma to adopt the resolution of the General Appropriations Act (proposed budget) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year for Jamestown Charter Township with the following changes: that the head librarian be given the opportunity to change her recommendations and make adjustments in pay if the library budget has enough money. **Carried with Jensen opposed.**
- 01-20-18 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Brouwer to approve the contract with *Advance Newspapers* for the Township legal publishing for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. **Carried.** (Copy attached.)
- 01-20-19 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Jensen to delay the appointment of Dean Smith to fill the term of Kyle De Haan on the Planning Commission, expiring in December, 2014, until next month so Jensen has more time to get to know who he is. **Carried with Pruis opposed.**
- 01-20-20 Motion by Jensen seconded by Oskin to delay the appointment of Randy Zomerlei to fill the unfinished term on the ZBA, expiring in December 2015. **Carried.**

- 01-20-21 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to open the public hearing for the Recreation Plan. **Carried.** No comments were made by the audience.
- 01-20-22 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to close the hearing. **Carried.**
- 01-20-23 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to adopt the Recreation Plan Master plan draft. **Carried.**
- 01-20-24 The first reading was held for Ordinance #14-001 32nd Avenue/M-6 Overlay District.
- 01-20-25 Final preliminary plat approval for Bridlewood 5 & 6 was discussed at length. Mick McGraw of Eastbrook Homes gave an overview of the project. Many Bridlewood residents were present expressing their concerns. Two of the main concerns were: 1) the covenants with the original Bridlewood Association were not being adhered to and 2) the existence of only one entrance/exit, which becomes an extremely dangerous situation with the number of school children picked up by the buses at the entrance. 22nd Ave. has a 55 mile per hour speed limit and it becomes problematic during rush time. The issue of the covenants was pretty much settled. The safety of the children getting on the buses and causing traffic congestion presented a very big problem. McGraw agreed to work with the members as much as possible and to withdraw his application for 30 days or until the next board meeting. In this time, Eastbrook will work with the association and Hudsonville Public Schools to see if a mutual and safe alternative can be agreed upon. No action was taken by the board.
- 01-20-26 Road improvement policy information was distributed.
- 01-20-27 Motion by Oskin seconded by Tacoma to present the bills. **Carried.**
- 01-20-28 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Tacoma to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**
- 01-20-29 Opportunity was given for public comment.
- 01-20-30 Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk