

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 18, 2014 7:00 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED
MINUTES**

- 08-18-01 The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bergwerff at 7:00 p.m.
- 08-18-02 Invocation was given by Ken Bergwerff.
- 08-18-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Dan Jensen and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.
- 08-18-04 Motion by Oskin seconded by Brouwer to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried.**
- 08-18-05 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 21 with amendment of the motion by Tacoma to allow all tax payers \$564.75 in legal advice, the amount waived for Mark Pater. **Carried.** Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to approve the minutes with an amendment to add "by Tim Tacoma" after "job performance". **Carried.**
- 08-18-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Ron Koroleski spoke regarding the planner contract and asked for accountability from elected and regular employees. Pat Deemter expressed concern with the way the planner/planning commission handled a pole barn special use next to her home. A large number of residents were present to protest the Ordinance regarding the Keeping of Animals and Poultry. People commented that they moved to Jamestown because it is mostly a farming community and they did not wish to have government control their actions and that this ordinance is too prohibitive. They were unhappy with not being allowed to have roosters, the fencing and most other provisions in the ordinance. Some of the comments were that we "don't want our lives micro-managed" and "we are zoned AR - I do not understand this; why do we need an ordinance?"
- 08-18-07 Tom Saladino, fire chief, requested permission to use \$5,000 from the fire department funds to purchase communication units. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to grant permission. **Carried.**
- 08-18-08 Deputy Flick made a report and asked for no trespassing sign for the Township property behind Bridlewood where people have hunted in the past. This area is not open for hunting because it is too dangerous for Bridlewood residents.
- 08-18-09 Correspondence: No letters of correspondence were received.

- 08-18-10 Motion by Jensen seconded by Tacoma to approve the consent agenda.
Carried.
- 08-18-11 Discussion was held regarding the compensation commission. This will be revisited in the future.
- 08-18-12 Lengthy discussion was held regarding waiving availability and frontage fees for water and sewer for Greentree 2 Development. Questions arose regarding putting it on the north side of the street. Brouwer wanted all payback to go directly to the developer rather than through the Township since they are paying to have the water and sewer brought to the development. Giving the school a permanent waiver was also questioned. Pruis asked about the pathway that our Ordinance requires developers to install. Apparently this was overlooked. Motion by Oskin seconded by Tacoma to delay a decision and have the developers look at installing sewer on the north side of the road since the township owns that land and also providing a pathway. **Carried.**
- 08-18-13 Discussion was held regarding snow removal for the sidewalks in the village. Traditionally sidewalks and pathways are not plowed because of liability issues. Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma that the Township not be involved in plowing because of the liability issues. **Motion denied. Voting in favor: Pruis and Tacoma; Opposed: Bergwerff, Oskin, Jensen, Brouwer and Altman.**
- 08-18-14 Lengthy discussion was held regarding Ordinance #14-005 – an ordinance to amend the Jametown Township ordinance section 3.5 regarding the keeping of animals and poultry. Motion by Bergwerff seconded Jensen to send this back to the Planning Commission. Residents were encouraged to attend that meeting. **Carried.**
- 08-18-15 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to approve the fire department hiring of Nick Hendrickson, Brett Welborn and Matt Garcia contingent on results of the physicals and background checks. **Carried.** Saladino informed the board that Mark Vlasman is moving and Saladino is appointing Steve Boetsma as temporary Lieutenant for one year.
- 08-18-16 Zoning board rate change - Jensen wanted to see less stringent rules so that people would not have to get permission for buildings. Brouwer wished to see the amount charged to go before the ZBA stay the same or lowered. No action was taken after lengthy discussion. Kirk Sharphorn will be writing up some suggestions.
- 08-18-17 Proposal of planner contract - No action taken after lengthy discussion. This will be looked at again next month when Greg Ransford (Planner) is present.

- 08-18-18 The Supervisor announced that there will be a delay in the 24th Ave. pathway construction because the bids came in too high. It will be rebid again in the spring when the bids should come in lower.
- 08-18-19 Motion by Oskin seconded by Tacoma to present the bills. **Carried.**
- 08-18-20 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**
- 08-18-21 Opportunity was given for public comment. Terry Morris, who stated that he moved to Jamestown for the freedoms he would experience in the country, thanked the board for opening with prayer, requested that the pledge of allegiance be recited and reminded the board that the flag was incorrectly displayed.
- 08-18-22 The Supervisor announced that Tom Saladino would like to have a work session with the board to discuss building a fire station. The date was set for Monday, September 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Under the Open Meetings Act, this meeting is open to the public.
- 08-18-23 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Ruth Pruis,
Jamestown Township Clerk