

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
March 16, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED
MINUTES**

- 03-16-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 03-16-02 Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Bergwerff opened the meeting with prayer.
- 03-16-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Puis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin and Tim Tacoma. Absent: Not present: Dan Jensen (See 03-16-022.)
- 03-16-04 Bergwerff added budget amendments for library, resignation, pathway update and economic updates. Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to approve the agenda with the additions. **Carried.**
- 03-16-05 The minutes of the meeting held February 16, 2015 were approved as presented.
- 03-16-06 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. No one wished to speak at this time.
- 03-16-07 Department reports were given. Fire Chief Saladino reported for the fire department. He informed the board that Shawn DeJong, pastor at Jamestown Baptist church, has volunteered to be Chaplain for the Fire Department. Deputy Flick reported for sheriff's department.
- 03-16-08 A letter of correspondence was received from Kevin Hager, Jack Huizenga, Ken Smallegan and Kevin Smallegan for the zoning department. **Carried.**
- 03-16-09 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to open the public hearing for Jamesfield Amended Plat. **Carried.** Mick McGraw of Eastbrook Homes presented the plans for the Phase 4 of Jamesfield. Public comments were given by Betty Elgersma, who was concerned about drainage issues on her property and Connie Miller regarding the impact on her property.
- 03-16-010 Motion by Altman seconded by Tacoma to close the hearing. **Carried.**
- 03-16-011 This will serve as the first reading for Ordinance #15-001, an Ordinance to amend Ordinance #98-009 (Jamesfield Planned Development) from a density of 119 lots to 126 lots in Phase 4.
- 03-16-012 Use of the Township parking lot was discussed. There has been a problem with cars parked long term. Motion by Brouwer seconded by Oskin to adopt a policy that limits the parking of vehicles in the Township parking lots. The

policy includes no overnight parking and no in parking on election days except by voters and people using the offices for business. There will be signs posted to enforce compliance. **Carried.** (Copy attached.)

03-16-013 A Community Solar presentation was given by Mike Erickson, Vice President of Development for Community Green Energy. He explained his business of "planting" community solar gardens of solar panels.

03-16-014 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to reappoint Dean Smith to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending in December 2017. **Carried.**

03-16-015 Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma to appoint Ann DeHoog to the Planning Commission for a three year term ending in December 2017. **Carried.**

03-16-016 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to appoint Doug Ymker as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Carried.**

03-16-017 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to reappoint Laurie Van Haitsma to the ZBA for a three year term ending in 2017.

03-16-018 Motion by Brouwer seconded by Bergwerff to reappoint Ron Terpstra to the ZBA for a three year term ending in 2017.

03-16-019 The new revision of the pathway ordinance was discussed. The board liked the changes and Tacoma will take it to the Planning Commission with the changes.

03-16-020 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to make a budget amendment to the 2014-2015 fiscal year budget ending March 31, 2015 for the library director salary line item to reflect an overpayment of \$2,749.60. The director has agreed to reimburse the Township for the overage paid in 2014-2015 by reducing her gross for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. **Carried.**

03-16-021 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to make a budget amendment to 2015-2016 fiscal year budget ending March 31, 2016 for the library director salary line item to be adjusted from \$30,249.60 to \$27,500. **Carried.**

03-16-022 The supervisor presented a letter of resignation from Trustee Dan Jensen written on March 16, 2015, effective immediately. (Copy attached.) Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Tacoma to accept the resignation. **Carried.** The board has 45 days to appoint someone to the vacant position. All Township residents are eligible to apply. The Supervisor proposed that the board generate a list of names with contact information by April 9, 2015.

03-16-023 The supervisor provided the board with a progress schedule for the pathway on 24th Ave between Quincy St. and Greenly St. The project start date will be April 14, 2015 with a completion date of June 2, 2015.

03-16-024 The supervisor also gave an update of the economic conditions of Western Michigan as presented by the GVMC.

03-16-025 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to present the bills. **Carried.**

03-16-026 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to pay the bills. Roll call vote: **Carried.**

03-16-027 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. Ray Steigenga inquired about Meijer's plans to build in the Township. Bergwerff replied that Meijer's has not renewed their permits at this time.

03-16-028 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk