

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

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

- 02-16-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.
- 02-16-02 Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ken Bergwerff opened the meeting with prayer.
- 02-16-03 Members present: Tim Tacoma, Dan Jensen, Janet Oskin, Ken Bergwerff, Ruth Pruis, Scott Brouwer and Gail Altman. Absent: None.
- 02-16-04 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Jensen to approve the agenda with the following changes: To move the assessor presentation and resolution to the beginning of the agenda and to postpone the appointments to the Planning Commission and the ZBA. **Carried.**
- 02-16-05 The minutes of the regular meeting held January 19, 2015 were approved as presented.
- 02-16-06 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. Ron Koroleski commented on his disappointment with the supervisor.
- 02-16-07 Department reports were given. Tom Saladino, fire chief reported for the fire department. He had several requests for which he wanted the board to act. He is putting together a committee for a new fire station. If any citizen would like to be on this committee, they should contact the fire chief. At his request the following motions were made and action was taken:
- 02-16-08 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to reappoint the following officers in the fire department for two year terms: Duane Miedema as deputy fire chief; Tim Kortman as captain; Steve Boetsma as lieutenant and to reappoint Janet Oskin and Gail Altman to the Fire Commission for two years. **Carried.**
- 02-16-09 Motion by Oskin seconded by Bergwerff to reappoint to the Fire Commission: Jim Ondersma for a three year term ending in 2018, Mike Rose for a two year term ending in 2017 and Frank Hartuniewicz to a one year term ending in 2016. **Carried.**
- 02-16-10 Motion by Oskin seconded by Bergwerff to appoint three new firefighters to the department subject to their passing the driver's check: Jonathan Bausano, John Estabrook and Adam Van Dis. **Carried.**
- 02-16-11 Several letters of correspondence were received. A letter was received from Nancy Huizenga in opposition to the Industrial Development District requested

for Davon Manufacturing in Forest Grove. A packet of information was received from Kerri Burns, representative of Davon Manufacturing, describing the intent of the request and explaining the type of manufacturing done at this site. There was correspondence from Jim Herrema stating that Davon was a good neighbor and landlord. Two letters were received from Ria Faber about the Bridlewood problems caused by the developer. A letter from the Forest Grove CRC and one from David & Mary Beth Vreugdenhill was received stating as neighbors they had no objection to the IDD. (Copies attached.) Kerri Burns requested that the letters be read for the audience.

02-16-12 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda. **Carried.**

02-16-13 Tyler Tacoma, Township assessor, explained to the board new regulations mandated by the state for the assessing office. These include an assessment of every property once every five years. The townships will be audited to insure compliance.

02-16-14 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Brouwer to adopt the resolution to call for an alternate date for our Board of Review Organizational Meeting. **Carried.** (Copy attached.)

02-16-15 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to re-open the public hearing for an IDD (Industrial Development District) for Davon & Mypac that was delayed last month so more information could be gathered. **Carried.**

02-16-16 Bergwerff asked Atty. Nettleton to explain the procedure and laws governing an IDD. He then asked Ken Rizzio from Lakeshore Advantage to explain the request. Kerri Burns, Laurie Vonk and David Vonk all representing Davon Manufacturing, talked about why they made the request and how the operation works. They stated that this was just a request so that they have the first step in order to request a tax abatement. Jack Huizenga, Kevin Hager and Morris Poelman all stated objections such as violation of the special use permits, traffic etc. Jacob Lenhart wanted to know what the long range plan is regarding expansion. Leigh Anne Smallegan spoke against the IDD because she felt expansion would drop surrounding property values. She also stated that the residents of Forest Grove like the present village atmosphere of the Grove and want it to remain rural. Ken Smallegan stated that he has 100 acres in that area that is zoned agricultural. He could make a gravel pit or something else on the property but kept it farming because that is what the community is and wants to remain.

02-16-17 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to close the hearing. **Carried.**

02-16-18 Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma to deny the request. Lengthy discussion followed. Reasons for denial were: It violates the Master Plan, the Township

Ordinances and the two special use permits they have on the property. Other reasons were that the neighbors were mostly against having this change to the Grove, concerns about what type of business might come in if Davon would sell and that we already have a large industrial district that has plenty of open land. Reasons given for approval were that Davon improved the look of the buildings, they provide jobs for people and they need to have the IDD to ask for a tax abatement. **Carried with Tacoma, Altman, Pruis and Brouwer voting in favor and Oskin, Jensen and Bergwerff opposed.**

02-16-19 Motion by Brouwer seconded by Altman to approve the Legal Advertising Contract with Advance Newspapers for the fiscal year 2015-2016. **Carried.**

02-16-20 Spring Grove Farms submitted a request for the Final Plat approval for Phase III. Motion by Altman seconded by Bergwerff to grant approval. **Carried.**

02-16-21 An update was given by Greg Raad of Nederveld Engineering on the progress and changes to Riley Ridge development, which was formerly Broken Ridge. The fifteen lots in the first Phase are sold pending all required paperwork and permits are satisfied. Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Altman to approve the letter of credit amount and preapprove the letter of credit subject to approval by the legal council. **Carried.** (Letter of credit amount attached.)

02-16-22 Motion by Pruis seconded by Bergwerff to approve the contract with the cemetery sexton for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The contract is the same as the previous year. **Carried.**

02-16-23 Motion by Bergwerff seconded by Oskin to approve the contract with Vriesman & Korhorn for the water/sewer engineering for 2015-2016 pending giving the Township a certificate of liability in the amount of two million dollars. **Carried.**

02-16-24 The supervisor presented items of information on Community Solar and stated that a representative will come to a future board meeting. He also gave an update of the 22nd Ave. pathway project. Hudsonville, Georgetown and Jamestown will go to the GVMC to see about getting a grant. The sewer project will be delayed for one year until 2016 due to a possible extension of the projected plans and the lateness of requests for grants and bidding.

02-16-25 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to present the bills. **Carried.**

02-16-26 Motion by Altman seconded by Bergwerff to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

02-16-27 Opportunity was given for public comment: Jeremy Bodbyl asked when his request for a change in the home occupations ordinance will be finished.

02-16-28 Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Ruth Pruis
Jamestown Township Clerk