

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
September 21, 2015 7:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED
MINUTES

09-21-01 The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Supervisor Bergwerff.

09-21-02 Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ken Bergwerff opened the meeting with prayer.

09-21-03 Members present: Gail Altman, Scott Brouwer, Ruth Pruis, Ken Bergwerff, Janet Oskin, Ben Miller and Tim Tacoma. Absent: None.

09-21-04 Motion by Miller seconded by Oskin to approve the agenda as presented. **Carried.**

09-21-05 The minutes of the regular board meeting of August 17 and the special board meeting of August 31, 2015 were approved as presented.

09-21-06 Opportunity was given for public comment. Norm Miller, 3589 Jamesridge Dr. spoke regarding the Township Fireworks Ordinance, asking the board to make it more restrictive as some people are abusing the use of fireworks and causing problems for their neighbors.

09-21-07 Reports were given. Tom Saladino reported for the fire department and Deputy Flick reported for the sheriff department.

09-21-08 There was no correspondence received.

09-21-09 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to approve the consent agenda, **Carried.**

09-21-10 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Pruis to open the public hearing for the MFP Automation Engineering request for an IFT (Industrial Facilities Tax exemption) to be transferred from Lamar Construction Company to MFP on REAL property. **Carried.**

Ken Rizzio of Lakeshore Advantage was present to explain all IFT requests. Brad Kirk of MFP Automation gave a brief description of the company and the growth they are experiencing. No comments were made by the public.

09-21-11 Motion by Pruis seconded by Miller to close the hearing for MFP. **Carried.**

09-21-12 Motion by Oskin seconded by Pruis to grant the request for the IFT to be transferred to MFP. Remaining time on this is six years. **Carried.**

09-21-13 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to open the public hearing for the IFT request from MFP Automation Engineering for a new facility (land and building improvements).

This request is for \$507,000 on Real Property for twelve (12) years. **Carried.** No comments were made by the public.

09-21-14 Motion by Miller seconded by Oskin to close the hearing. **Carried.**

09-21-15 Motion by Miller seconded by Oskin to approve the resolution for the IFT. **Carried.**

09-21-16 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Brouwer to open the public hearing for Espec. **Carried.** Rizzio explained the operation and how it has increased in size over the years. Ken Walter from Espec said they have greatly increased the number of employees in the last few years. They are requesting an exemption of \$2,000,000 on Real Property for the next twelve (12) years. There were no comments from the public.

09-21-17 Motion by Pruis seconded by Tacoma to close the hearing. **Carried.**

09-21-18 Motion by Altman seconded by Miller to approve the IFT request. **Carried.**

09-21-19 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Altman to open the public hearing for Sound-Off. **Carried.** Scottt Huyser from Sound Off explained that they now have 201 employees and project to have more by next year. They are requesting an exemption of \$3,163,933 on Real Property for twelve (12) years. No comments were made by the public.

09-21-20 Motion by Oskin seconded by Altman to close the hearing. **Carried.**

09-21-21 Motion by Altman seconded by Oskin to approve the request from Sound Off. **Carried.**

09-21-22 By request of residents that are concerned with the use (abuse) of fireworks, the board looked at the Township Ordinance regulating fireworks adopted in 2013. After lengthy discussion regarding the rights of the individual versus the rights of the general public Oskin made the motion that we adopt the same ordinance restrictions that our neighboring townships and cities are using. This was seconded by Miller. **Motion failed.** It was decided that we would study this some more and revisit this. The supervisor will come to the board with some suggestions from the Township attorney.

09-21-23 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Miller to take the Ottawa County Solid Waste Management Plan back for discussion after being delayed from the August meeting. **Carried.**

09-21-24 Motion by Oskin seconded by Miller to approve the plan. **Carried.**

09-21-25 Fire Chief Saladino explained the Fire Department Four County Mutual Aid Agreement. (Attached.) Motion by Altman seconded by Tacoma to approve the agreement. **Carried.**

09-21-26 Nate Vriesman, Township engineer, and Steve Boss, Water and Sewer administrator, gave board members a map and estimated costs for constructing a new sewer system at Spring Grove. Discussion was held on bonding to finance this construction. The attorney will write up a notice of intent to bond for \$3.5 million and rescind the previous one from 2014 for \$2.5 million. He will bring a resolution to the October board meeting.

09-21-27 Motion by Pruis seconded by Miller to authorized the Township to contract to repave the Office parking lot with and amount not to exceed \$6,500. Ron Koroleski will assist Bergwerff in deciding what to do and which bid to accept. **Carried.**

09-21-28 Motion by Bergwerff and seconded by Oskin to allow Banyan Tree of 4067 Central Parkway to put a bike path only on Quincy street since none was requested within the district for the previous occupants. **Carried.**

09-21-29 The Supervisor gave several items for information. One was to note that the Township mailing address has changed from a PO Box to 2380 Riley St.,Hudsonville, MI 49426. Another was that the Township received the SAW grant for sewer.

09-21-30 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Oskin to present the bills. **Carried.**

09-21-31 Motion by Tacoma seconded by Miller to pay the bills. **Roll call vote: Carried.**

09-21-32 Opportunity was given for the public to speak. Everyone was reminded of the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast to be held on October 10 from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Pruis informed the board that the clerk's office has received a grant of three new voting stations worth about \$1200. Deputy clerk Kimberly Jenkins was able to secure the grant for Jamestown.

09-21-33 Hearing no objections, the supervisor adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Ruth Pruis,
Jamestown Township Clerk