

**Jamestown Charter Township Board  
Regular Meeting**

**Monday, August 19, 2019  
Jamestown Township Hall  
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Bergwerff called the meeting to order at 7:01pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Ken Bergwerff, Clerk Candy DeHaan, Treasurer Scott Brouwer, and Trustees Gail Altman, Janet Oskin, Ben Miller and Tim Tacoma.

**Staff Present:** Fire Chief Duane Miedema, Attorney Mark Nettleton, Sheriff's Deputy Eric Smith, Library Director Amber McLain and Library Board Vice President Larry Walton.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Oskin, to approve agenda, dated August 19. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Brouwer, to approve Township Board minutes of July 15, 2019. Carried by voice vote.

**Public Comment for Items on this Agenda:** Ron Koroleski is concerned about the disposal well that was mentioned last month, dead trees at a local business, and about Park Land Sale. Terry Morris is concerned about trucks and speed of traffic on Quincy Street.

**Reports** were shared by Fire Chief Miedema, Treasurer Brouwer, Sheriff's Deputy Smith and Library Director McLain.

Volunteer fire fighter Kyle LeVault has moved out of the township and will no longer be serving on the fire department.

Immediately following the Sheriff's Deputy Report, the floor was opened to ask questions of Deputy Smith. Terry Morris asked questions of Deputy Smith and the Board about traffic issues on Quincy Street. Richard Honholt shared his ideas. A suggestion was made for a permanent sign to be placed on 8<sup>th</sup> Street about trucks not allowed on Quincy. Another traffic study will be requested. Deputy Smith will do what he can to better the situation.

Library Director McLain shared there is just over 50% increase of participation in summer reading program from last year, with a good percentage of kids finishing strong. Through-the-door traffic was down a bit, but that is most likely due to an implementation of automatic renewal through the Lakeland Library Cooperative. Training for new Youth Services Librarian Catherine Gage is going well. Library Board Vice President Walton was pleased to commend Amber on her work during her first 3 months as director and shared that the Library Board is excited to move forward with internal renovations plans for the building.

**Items for Discussion and/or Action:**

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Altman, to approve the presentation of the bills. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Altman, seconded by Miller, to approve the paying of the bills. Roll call vote: Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin, Miller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner, LLC was in attendance to share findings of this year's audit and answer questions. The Township received the highest positive opinion that can be offered by an audit firm. Only two issues were noted as areas for improvement.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by DeHaan, to approve a maximum of \$2,000 for the Park Planning Committee to assess the fair market value of our property per acre. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tacoma, Miller, Oskin, Bergwerff, DeHaan, Brouwer and Altman. Opposed: None.

Moved by Bergwerff, seconded by Oskin, to approve Resolution R19-011 amending FY 2019-20 General Appropriations Act that would move \$20,000 from Bike Path Construction fund into new fund #101-751.000-985.700 that can be used for Park Planning expenses. Roll call vote: Yeas: Altman, Brouwer, DeHaan, Bergwerff, Oskin, Miller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

Ken has recently heard from multiple parties interested in turning our 40-acre property by I-196, near the Hudsonville Nature Center, that would like to create a Mountain Bike Park. The Board is in favor of moving forward with investigating this opportunity.

Our next priority road paving project will be 40<sup>th</sup> between Adams and Ottogan.

Both Staff Handbook and Building Use Policy have been forwarded to Mika Meyers office for their input.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance #19-006 to Amend Sections 9.3D and 10.31 of the Zoning Ordinance. Carried by voice vote.

**Item(s) for Information:** Correspondence was received from Eastbrook Homes indicating when required trees will be planted.

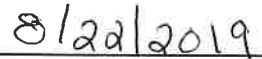
The paving of Greenly Street between 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 48<sup>th</sup> Avenue are targeted for completion by Oct 25.

As a follow up to Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda from last month, the Township has no authority on either issue. On the installation of disposal well by Autumn Hills Landfill, they are not located in our jurisdiction and therefore we have no say. On the many cell towers being placed in the Township, both the FCC and the state government have taken authority away from local governments to regulate. However, Jamestown Charter Township does – and will continue, to the extent that the law allows, impose appropriate restrictions.

**Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda:** Terry Morris apologized for being so upset earlier.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.

  
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Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

  
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Ken Bergwerff, Township Supervisor

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