

**Jamestown Charter Township Board
Regular Meeting**

**Monday, July 20, 2020
Jamestown Township Hall
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

MINUTES

Supervisor Bergwerff called the meeting to order at 7:00pm 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: Deputy Fire Chief Keith King, Sheriff's Deputy Eric Smith, Library Director Amber McLain and Attorney Mark Nettleton.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Oskin, to approve agenda dated July 20. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Brouwer, to approve Township Board minutes of June 15, 2020. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: None

Reports were shared by Deputy Fire Chief King, Treasurer Brouwer and Brian Boss of the Water/Sewer Department.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Altman, to approve hiring Chad Horn to the Fire Department. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Oskin, to approve bid from Andy J. Egan for \$17,305 to updated HVAC system for Fire Station #1 with the plan to obtain any relevant rebates to lessen the total cost. The current/original system is not working as it was intended. It is also the Board's plan to have the Fire Chief to write a letter to the original contactor to let them know of our disappointment and see if any financial restitution can be obtained, while recognizing that the original warranty has expired. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tacoma, Miller, Oskin, Bergwerff, DeHaan, Brouwer and Altman. Opposed: None.

Library Director McLain shared that the Library is now open by appointment, five families at one time. Two resignations were received during closed COVID months and an additional position is being added, so 3 positions need to be filled. Patmos Library is one of the few local libraries open for computer usage.

During Water/Sewer update, residents Jason and Jodi Meyer of Rockaway Drive shared their extreme frustration with the current Riley Ridge water project. Ken will seek out a third-party, possibly a professional landscaper that can be an intermediary between the residents and the excavating company, to develop a punch list of what needs to be completed, then make sure it is done. The estimated time frame has already exceeded the promised 45 days. Payment is being held from Montgomery until restoration is back to an as-was-condition before the project is considered complete and it appears that it is time to invoke the liquidated damages clause which would allow the Township to charge the excavator a per-day-fee for grossly exceeding the original timeline.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

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

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

Moved by Oskin, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Resolution #R20-019 to amend 2020-2021 General Appropriations Act with adjustment of adding \$14,200 to Road Paving for bill that just arrived. Note that Pathway Construction and Road Paving amounts are simply transfers from CIP funds. Roll call vote: Yeas: Tacoma, Oskin, Bergwerff, DeHaan, Brouwer and Altman. Opposed: Miller. Motion passed.

Board members offered a general consensus in support of Ottawa County being a backup Designated Assessor, should this ever be necessary.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by DeHaan, to approve abandonment of stub portion of Sun Brook Drive. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Oskin, seconded by Bergwerff, to approve that, upon abandonment by the OCRC, the Township will deed the abandoned right of way to the adjoining property owners via quit claim deed; subject to a reservation of necessary easements for public utilities. Carried by voice vote.

Item(s) for Information: Grant has been approved for Greenly Street Bike Path Connector between Sunchase to 24th Avenue.


Our current Sign Ordinance as well as Water and Sewer Ordinances are all in the process of being updated.

There are two road resurfacing projects: Riley Street started today with completion expected by August 15 and Adams Street has no start date yet.

Mountain Bike Update: Kirk Walter and Joe Lampen from MIMBA are leading the process for the trail. Steps: get use agreements (in process), apply for grant monies (done), parking lot approval (in process), trail layout/cost estimates and fundraising. Around \$20K funding for the layout may be needed from the township (possibly pathway fund), placing project on a faster track. Donations are expected from the greater Grand Rapids area.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Ken clarified Water Sewer Increases as voted on last month. Ron Koroleski, Brad Slagh, Angel Walker, Kerry Bairski and Mark Northrup all spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

7/23/2020

Date

Ken Bergwerff, Township Supervisor

Date