

**Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, July 19, 2021**

**Jamestown Township Hall
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426**

MINUTES

Supervisor VanHaitsma called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

Members Present: Supervisor Laurie VanHaitsma, Clerk Candy DeHaan, Treasurer Scott Brouwer, and Trustees Derek McCormick, Ben Miller, Tim Tacoma and Jim Miedema.

Staff Present: Fire Chief Duane Miedema and Attorney Mark Nettleton.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to approve agenda with the following adjustments: move 8.d) City of Wyoming Water System to last item under Section 8 and add Jamestown Ground Water presentation between 8.e) and 8.f). Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by Miller, to approve amended Township Board minutes of June 21, 2021. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: None.

Reports were shared by Chief Miedema, Treasurer Brouwer, Library Director Amber McLain and Water/Sewer Department Head Brian Boss.

Patmos Library is again fully staffed with 3 new hires. All are either in the process of getting their Master's Degree in Library Science or planning to get their Master's Degree in Library Science once their undergraduate degree is earned.

There was one (1) May burial and two (2) June burials in Jamestown cemeteries.

The Board received 1 piece of correspondence from Dana O'Dell.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Miedema, to approve the presentation of the bills. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Miller, to approve the paying of the bills. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miedema, Miller and Tacoma. Motion carried.

Budget amendment Resolution was tabled until next month's meeting in order for some questions to be answered about Road Funding transfer.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to open the public hearing to consider an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for SoundOff Signal. Carried by voice vote.

Greg King from Lakeshore Advantage reviewed the IFT application. No members of the public chose to speak.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to close the public hearing to consider an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for SoundOff Signal. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution R21-014, an application from Emergency Technology, Inc. dba SoundOff Signal for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Building Improvements to an Existing Facility. Carried by voice vote.

Matthew Chappuies from the Ottawa County Planning Department shared a presentation on Groundwater Issues in Ottawa County and Jamestown. The unique water issues in Ottawa County are due largely to a large clay barrier that keeps ground water from recharging. As many well-dependent developments continue to be built around the County, sometimes within as early as 6 months a homeowner may find that their well has gone dry because of declining groundwater levels. In addition, there is a problem with lowered levels of groundwater becoming too salty (the brines at the bottom of the aquifer mix into the remaining water creating too high of a sodium/chloride mix) causing scorching of crops/plants/yards when used to irrigate. On a per-acre basis, residential development consumes more water than any other type of user. This steady decline of ground water is unsustainable.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to approve Resolution R21-015 to establish a temporary moratorium on consideration of land uses requiring private water wells. Carried by voice vote (All yes except Tacoma who abstained from consideration of and voting on the motion).

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to open the public hearing to establish a special assessment district for street lighting in Rolling Meadows 5 and 6. Carried by voice vote.

No public comments/questions.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to close the public hearing to establish a special assessment district for street lighting in Rolling Meadows 5 and 6. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by McCormick, to approve Resolution R21-016 to approve development contract, establish street lighting assessment district, confirm special assessment roll and matters related thereto for Rolling Meadows No. 5. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Brouwer, to approve Resolution R21-017 to approve development contract, establish street lighting assessment district, confirm special assessment roll and matters related thereto for Rolling Meadows No. 6. Carried by voice vote.

Rick Pulaski with Nederveld presented plans for Waterton Station Phase 1.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Miedema, to approve Waterton Station Phase 1 Tentative Preliminary Plat. Voice vote: Ayes: VanHaitsma, DeHaan, Brouwer, McCormick, Miedema and Tacoma. Nays: Miller. Motion Carries.

Don DeGroot with Exxel Engineering presented plans for Spring Grove Farms Phase 6.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Spring Grove Farms Phase 6 Tentative Preliminary Plat. Carried by voice vote.

The Board was in consensus to make the final payment on the new Fire Station #1 now instead of waiting until the end of the year. This will save the Township approximately \$1,000 in interest.


Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to approved Resolution R21-018 to authorize sale of Surplus Property and matters related thereto of 15-acre parcel #70-18-18-300-009 with the contingency that the land sells for at least \$15,000 per acre. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miedema, Miller and Tacoma. Motion carried.

Ottawa County Public Utilities Director Pat Staskiewicz spoke concerning the City of Wyoming System Bond Resolution for 2021 Water System Improvements Bond Issue and Refunding.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by McCormick, to approve Resolution R21-019 for the 2021 Water System Improvement Bond Issue and Refunding. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miller and Tacoma. Abstain: Miedema. Motion carried.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: None.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by VanHaitsma, to adjourn at 8:40pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

7/26/2021

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date