

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, August 16, 2021
Jamestown Township Hall
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426
MINUTES

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

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

Also Present: Attorney Mark Nettleton.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by DeHaan, to approve agenda. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by Brouwer, to approve Township Board minutes of July 19, 2021. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: Comments were shared by Sandy Vegter, Gary Vegter and Dan Tunnelton.

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

Chief Miedema shared that Adam VanDis has retired from Jamestown Fire Department.

There were four (4) July burials in Jamestown cemeteries.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

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

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

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by McCormick, to approve Resolution R21-020 to Amend Fiscal Year 2021-2022 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miedema, Miller and Tacoma. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to approve Resolution R21-021 to Adopt a Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miedema, Miller and Tacoma. Motion carried.

Peter Haefner of Vredeveld Haefner LLC reported on the findings of the Township's 2020-2021 audit. Mr. Haefner stated that the Township is in a solid financial position. Four items were listed in the accompanying letter where the Township could do better. Three of the four items have already been addressed.

Ordinance #21-004 - Great Lakes Energy Cooperative Electric Franchise was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the September 20, 2021 Board meeting.

Ordinance #21-005 to amend the Jamestown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance by Section 29.7 – Moratorium for Certain Developments was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the September 20, 2021 Board meeting.

The Board discussed how we want to handle our Township properties as current 5-year leases will expire at the end of 2021. Land is currently being rented at \$125/acre. We need to investigate what the going rental rate for the upcoming leases should be.

An updated Greenly Park map was shared with a few minor changes.

Items for Information: Two quotes were presented for a new Board Room sound system. Moved by DeHaan, seconded by McCormick, to approve the \$10,800 quote from SimpleFunction. Roll call vote: Yeas: McCormick, Brouwer, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Miedema, Miller and Tacoma. Motion carried.

Steve Boss with Boss Environmental spoke about our current Water/Sewer situation and engineers Nate Vriesman and Aaron VanProyen from Vriesman and Korhorn were also in attendance to respond to water/sewer questions. Basically, developers willing to cover the cost of adding to our current infrastructure drive the addition to our water/sewer system, as the Township does not have the funding to add new water/sewer lines.

The 2020 Census figures just released reporting Jamestown Township as being the fastest growing township in Ottawa County at 9,630 residents, up 36.9% from the 2010 census.


Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: None.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to adjourn at 8:30pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

9/21/2021
Date



Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

9/21/2021
Date