

**Jamestown Charter Township Board  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
Jamestown Township Hall  
2380 Riley Street, Hudsonville, MI 49426  
MINUTES**

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

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

**Absent with notice:** Trustee Derek McCormick.

**Also Present:** Attorney Mark Nettleton, Fire Chief Miedema and Sheriff's Deputy Jessica Davidson.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to approve the agenda, with addition of Library Board Liaison to Items for Discussion and/or Action section. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by Miller, to approve the Township Board minutes of August 21, 2023 with the addition under Library Report of the Library's Operating Fund balance of \$508,665.06. Carried by voice vote.

**Public Comments for items on the agenda:** None

**Reports:** Reports were shared by Fire Chief Duane Miedema, Jamie Jewell from Patmos Library and Water/Sewer Operator Steve Boss.

Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, from 7 -10am at Jamestown Fire Station #1 on 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Jamie from Patmos Library shared that the Library received a notice from the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board of the Cooperative's intent to withdraw Patmos Library membership as of April 1, 2024, if the Patmos Library does not meet the membership requirements as stated in Cooperative's bylaws.

There was 1 burial in August for Jamestown Cemeteries.

There was no Board correspondence.

**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: Miller, Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Moved by Miller, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Resolution R23-011 amending FY 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by DeHaan, to amend the Township Investment Policy to add Consumers Credit Union to the list of approved financial institutions. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to approve Ordinance 23-003, the compiled Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Moved by Miller, seconded by DeHaan, to adopt the Township's Standard Specifications for Construction, dated September 2023, as prepared and recommended by the Township's Engineer and Water and Sewer Administrator with suggested changes (in approximately Sec. 1.31) about noting MissDig instead of listing out individual utilities. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by Brouwer, to add Library Board Liaison to our 2023-2024 Salary, Hourly, and Per Diem listing at the rate of \$50 per meeting. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

**Items of Information:**

Park Updates – MEMBA Park: Conversations with Consumers Energy continue.  
Jamestown Community Park: still awaiting official results from EGLE.

**Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda:** Dave Barnosky, a resident of Port Sheldon Township, and Ben Miller each shared their thoughts about Ottawa Impact. Ben spoke in support of Ottawa Impact.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by DeHaan, to adjourn at 7:39pm. Carried by voice vote.

  
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Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

10/17/2023  
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Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

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