

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, November 20, 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.

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

Also Present: Attorney Mark Nettleton, Fire Chief Duane Miedema and Sheriff's Deputy Eric Smith.

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

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by Miedema, to approve the Township Board minutes of October 16, 2023. 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.

Moved by McCormick, seconded by DeHaan, to approve the hiring of new fire fighter Austin Koetje. Carried by voice vote.

Meijer will be donating gift cards and hosting "Shop with a Hero" again this year on December 13th.

There were 2 September and 3 October burials in Jamestown Cemeteries.

There was no Board correspondence.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

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

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

Dan Veldhuizen of Siegfried Crandall reported on our 2022-2023 audit. Dan reported that they did not identify any deficiencies in internal controls that they consider to be a material weakness. Only 6-8 of the 120 municipalities that Siegfried Crandall audited

annually get this positive comment and the staff of Jamestown Township are to be commended.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by Tacoma, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance #23-004 – Zoning Map Amendment to rezone parcel 70-18-16-200-041 to R-2. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Nays: Miller and McCormick. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to grant final plat approval to Spring Grove Farms No. 6, subject to providing a financial guarantee of a cash deposit in escrow with the Township in the amount of \$42,200 for completion of sidewalks and installation of 27 street trees, which amount may be reduced or returned as sidewalks are completed and trees installed. The financial guarantee shall remain in place until such improvements are installed and completed. Yeas: Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, McCormick and Tacoma. Nays: Miller. Motion carried.

Information was shared about a County-wide Road Millage Renewal. A listing of potential future road projects will be presented at next month's Board meeting.

Items of Information:

MEMBA Update – no changes.

Our 4th application for the Jamestown Community Park was finally approved by EGLE and the project has gone to public notice. The public notice period will end on November 27th followed by up to a 70-day waiting period for EGLE to make a decision on the Township's permit.

The Thanksgiving Day Run and the assisting of runners crossing 32nd Avenue will be handled by volunteers with the Run.

The general consensus of the Board is that we are not interested in providing funding to have the Interurban related building located on the property of Searchlight Ministries moved or restored because of the amount of deterioration.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: None

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to adjourn at 7:47pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

11/21/2023

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date