

**Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, September 16, 2024
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 McCormick.

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, Sheriff's Deputy Jessica Davidson.

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

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by Miller, to approve the Township Board minutes of August 19, 2024. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: None

Reports: Reports were shared by Fire Chief Duane Miedema, Treasurer Scott Brouwer and Jamie Jewell from Patmos Library.

The Annual Fire Department Pancake Breakfast is October 12 from 7-10am.

There were five burials for August in Jamestown Cemeteries. It was noted that Maureen Carmody did a fantastic job cleaning up the weeds growing up amongst the rocks along the front of Jamestown Cemetery.

There were two pieces of correspondence, one from Joseph McCarter and a second from Charlotte McCarter concerning Consumers Energy's proposed shutdown of the Campbell Power Plant.

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

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to approve Resolution R24-008 Amending FY 2024-2025 General Appropriations Acts. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, McCormick and Tacoma. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miedema, seconded by DeHaan, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance #24-005 to amend the JCT Zoning Ordinance by adding Section 11.3N – Special Uses. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miedema, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, McCormick and Tacoma. Nays: Miller. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Tacoma, to approve sending the proposed letter to MISO, Consumers Energy, Wolverine Power, MPSC and State of MI on behalf of the Township Board requesting to delay the Campbell power plant's closure and demolition. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Nays: DeHaan and McCormick. Motion Carried.

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by DeHaan, to open the public hearing for the Heritage Planned Development.

Chuck Hoyt with Nederveld was present to answer any questions.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to close the public hearing for the Heritage Planned Development.

Board members had quite a few questions about the proposed development. Supervisor VanHaitsma will connect with Planner Ransford about the concerns prior to next month's Board meeting.

Ordinance #24-006 for the Heritage Planned Development – Final Plan and Planned Development Ordinance was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the October 21, 2024 Board meeting.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miedema, to approve Resolution R24-009, Resolution to Amend Articles of Incorporation so as to add the Township of Blendon as a Participating Local Government Unit into the Grand Valley Metro Council. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by McCormick, to request that Jim Ondersma be paid for scheduled meetings for the Township when his presence is requested. The motion was rescinded until next month's meeting.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Miedema, to approve the GameTime proposal and the purchase of the playground equipment included in the proposal for \$565,102.50. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Miedema, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, McCormick and Tacoma. Nays: DeHaan. Motion Carried.

Items of Information: The MEMBA Park update: we have two remaining agreements to be signed (one between the Township and MEMBA and one between the Township and the Drainage District). Attorney Nettleton will send those agreements to the Township for signature by the Supervisor and the Clerk. Jamestown Community Park update: Nate Heyboer approached the Township offering financial assistance towards the soccer fields. Standardized donation sign(s) were mentioned.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Rich Heslinga asked about a large number of vehicles parked in Star Cemetery recently. The Sheriff's office was notified and called to the scene at the time of the incident. The Deputy Supervisor visited the cemetery afterwards to verify that no damage had occurred.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to adjourn at 8:01pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

9/18/2024

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date