

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, April 21, 2025
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 Windemuller.

Board of Trustees Present: Supervisor Laurie VanHaitsma, Clerk Candy DeHaan, Treasurer Scott Brouwer and Trustees: Ben Miller, Wade Windemuller and Tom Wolfert
Absent without notice: Tim Tacoma

Also Present: Attorney Mark Nettleton

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the agenda with the addition of a Closed Session under Items for Discussion. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Windemuller, to approve the Township Board minutes of March 17, 2025. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: None

Reports: Reports were shared by Fire Chief Duane Miedema, Sheriff's Deputy Eric Smith, Library Administrative Director Zoe Willoughby-Barker and Water/Sewer Administrator Brian Boss.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

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

Moved by Miller, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the paying of the bills. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to approve Resolution R25-009 amending FY 2024-2025 General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance #25-004 to Amend Chapter 2 – Definitions and add Section 6.4U – Special Uses, Event Barn of the JCT Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to table Jamestown Cemetery tree removal so a second bid can be acquired. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to meet in a closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with the Township's attorney regarding litigation and/or settlement strategy in connection with the pending litigation in *Jamestown Shores, LLC, et al., v Charter Township of Jamestown* because discussing the Township's litigation and settlement strategy in an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the Township's litigation and settlement position in the lawsuit.

The Township's legal counsel, Mark Nettleton of Mika Meyers PLC, is hereby appointed as Secretary for the purpose of taking minutes of the closed session in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

Roll call vote to go into closed session. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Motion carried.

Closed session commenced at approximately 7:38pm and ended at approximately 7:59 pm.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to return to open session at 7:59pm, local time, on April 21, 2025. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Motion carried.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to proceed as recommended by the Township Attorney in the case of *Jamestown Shores, LLC, et al., v Charter Township of Jamestown* (US District Court, Western District of Michigan, Southern Division, Case 1:23-cv-849) as discussed in closed session. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Windemuller. Motion carried.

Items of Information: There were no specific updates for MEMBA. Jamestown Community Park playground equipment has been installed and ground cover installation is in progress. Dumpster Day is May 3; the plan is for Jamestown Baptist Church to host the event with Jamestown Community Park being the backup location.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Trustee Windemuller had question(s) about land splits.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to adjourn at 8:07pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

4/23/2025

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date