

**Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, February 16, 2026
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, Tim Tacoma, Wade Windemuller and Tom Wolfert

Also Present: Attorney Mark Nettleton

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the agenda with a correction of 8.f. to "Waterton Court Site Condominium Final Plan" and to insert "Committee member approvals." Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Windemuller, to approve the Township Board Minutes of January 19, 2026. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: Cadence DeVree, Marc VanDyk, Karen Kreuze, Christi Meppelink, Brad DeWeerd, Dave Pohler, Larry Boeve, Joe Brochu with RWC, Justin Sprik and Alvin Heslinga all spoke about solar farms and Karen Uebbing spoke about the budget.

Reports: Reports were shared by Fire Chief Miedema, Lieutenant Gerencer, Treasurer Brouwer and Water/Sewer Administrator Brian Boss.

Chief Miedema requested that the Fire Department be allowed to use Fire Station #1 for this year's Kids' Day and Pancake Breakfast. Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to approve of the Fire Department using Fire Station #1 on June 25th for Kids' Day and October 8th for their Pancake Breakfast. [It was determined after checking a calendar, that the Pancake Breakfast will fall on Saturday, October 10]. Carried by voice vote.

Brian Boss shared that the sewer bond is scheduled to be paid off next fiscal year, after which the Water/Sewer Department will no longer hold any bonds.

There were 2 burials in Jamestown Cemeteries during the month of January.

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 Tacoma, seconded by Miller, to approve the paying of the bills. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

There were some questions about the Firefighters Retirement 457 Plan, so any decision to move forward was deferred until next month.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Brouwer, to accept Patriot Outdoor Services bid to mow Jamestown Community Park for \$11,200, and to accept Riley's Landscape bid to mow the Township Office, Patmos Library and Water/Sewer properties for \$12,464. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Motion by Brouwer, seconded by DeHaan, to open the public hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget. Carried by voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to close the public hearing for the 2026-2027 Budget. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to approve Resolution R26-002 approving annual township budget and determining property taxes for support of budget. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by Miller, seconded by DeHaan, to approve the final site condominium plan for the Waterton Court Site Condominium, as recommended by the Planning Commission, subject to the terms and conditions of the Planning Commission's resolution dated January 20, 2026, including the type and amount of security as recommended by the Township Engineer to ensure completion of the required site improvements, and installation of streetlights at the end of cul-de-sacs. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to approve the following appointments: Randy Zomerlei to the Zoning Board of Appeals; renewing Mike Rose and Jim Ondersma to the Fire Board; and adding Dan Bodbyl and renewing Dave Kronemeyer to the Planning Commission (all appointments or reappointments are for 3-year terms). Carried by voice vote.

Ordinance #26-004, the Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the March 16, 2026 Board meeting.

Motion by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to meet in a closed session at 8:02pm pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material which is exempt from disclosure under Section 13(1)(g) of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act.

The Township Attorney, Mark E. Nettleton, 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, Windemuller and Tacoma. Opposed: None.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:41pm.

Items of Information: Silver Maple PV, LLC has scheduled a public meeting for Tuesday, March 17, 6pm at Evergreen Ministries in Hudsonville concerning its proposed application for a large-scale solar facility to be located in the Township (and Zeeland Charter Township).

Trustee Miller mentioned that there was a meeting scheduled with Consumers Energy on Wednesday pertaining to the MEMBA park.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Cadence DeVree commented about potential Data Centers.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 8:47pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

3/17/26
Date



Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

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