

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, March 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 Tacoma.

Board of Trustees Present: Supervisor Laurie VanHaitsma, Clerk Candy DeHaan and Trustees: Ben Miller, Tim Tacoma, Wade Windemuller and Tom Wolfert. **Absent with notice:** Treasurer Scott Brouwer

Also Present: Attorney Mark Nettleton

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

Moved by Miller, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the Township Board Minutes of February 16, 2026 with the correction of the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast being October 10, 2026 (and not October 8, 2026). Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: Marc VanDyk commented on the current Township Solar Energy Ordinance.

Reports: Reports were shared by Fire Chief Miedema and Water/Sewer Administrator Brian Boss.

Chief Miedema reported the following Fire Department Officer changes: Mark Vlasman is now Deputy Chief, Greg Landheer is Station 2 Captain and Herman Hanko is Station 2 Lieutenant.

There was 1 burial in Jamestown Cemeteries during the month of February.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

Moved by Tacoma, 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, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to approve the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Wolfert, to approve Resolution R26-003 Amending Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Appropriations. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded to Miller, to table conversation about the Firefighters Retirement 457 Plan. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance #26-004 Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion was approved and the ordinance was adopted.

Moved by Windemuller, seconded by Miller, to table the Ballot Proposal to Renew the Fire Operating Millage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller and Windemuller. Nays: Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma and Tacoma. The motion failed.

Moved by Wolfert, seconded by DeHaan, to approve Resolution R26-004 to approve ballot proposal for renewal of Fire Operating Millage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma and Tacoma. Nays: Windemuller. The motion passed.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Wolfert, to approve Resolution R26-005 to approve ballot proposal for renewal of Road Improvement Millage. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma and Tacoma. Nays: Windemuller. The motion passed.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to approve the appointment of Dean Smith (renewal) to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to schedule a Special Township Board meeting on March 30, 2026 at 6pm to consider an ordinance establishing a 6-month moratorium on data centers, giving the Township time to update the Township's Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote: Yeas: Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Windemuller and Tacoma. Nays: Miller. The motion passed.

Items of Information: Trustee Miller mentioned that the meeting with Consumers Energy pertaining to the MEMBA Park happened. Consumers is willing to agree to the parking lot on its property upon specific terms and conditions and an annual cost.

Security cameras are going up in the Community Park and the Park should be reopening soon.

The Crosswalk signs have been installed at Greenly Street and Jamesfield Drive at Eastbrook Homes' cost. A request to add crosswalk lines was made by Miller.

Trustee Miller represented the Township at recent Campbell plant meeting. No progress has been made yet.

RWE Solar meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 6pm at Evergreen Ministries.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Anna White introduced herself as a candidate for Ottawa County District Judge on the November ballot. Joel Studebaker commented on budget philosophy.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Miller, to adjourn at 7:58pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

3/20/2026

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date