

Jamestown Township Fire Board

Unofficial Minutes of the March 16, 2026 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 5:45 PM.

Fireboard members in attendance: Mike Rose, Wendell Loew, Janet Oskin, Tom Wolfert and Jim Ondersma.

Also present: Chief Duane Miedema and Deputy Chief Mark Vlasman.

Chief's Report:

- Fire Calls: February 2026 – 52 compared to February 2025 - 53
- Total calls to date for 2026 - 167 compared to Total calls to date for 2025 - 134
- Fire Board members Mike Rose and Jim Ondersma terms were extended for another three years.
- There was discussion on Fire Department Mileage for the August Election.
- It was mentioned that the price for a new set of fire gear has increased to \$3,500.00.
- It was discussed changing the age of joining the fire department from 21 to 18 years of age. The reason for the change is that the Ottawa County Tech Center is offering a Firefighting course, and students will graduate in June. These individuals will be on probation until they reach age 21.
- Also was noted that Ottawa County is establishing an Emergency Services Department and that currently they have roughly 15 members.

May 18, 2026 is the next scheduled Fire Board meeting.

Submitted by Jim Ondersma