

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, April 20, 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, 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. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the Township Board Minutes of March 16, 2026. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the Special Township Board Minutes of March 30, 2026. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: Joe Brochu with RWE and Marc VanDyk commented about RWE's application to the Michigan Public Service Commission for the proposed "solar farm" in Zeeland and Jamestown Townships.

Reports: Reports were shared by Fire Chief Miedema, Water/Sewer Administrator Brian Boss and Sheriff's Deputy Joe Apolo.

Chief Miedema requested approval to purchase a "blocker" vehicle to keep our emergency response workers safe. Moved by Wolfert, seconded by DeHaan, to approve up to \$50,000 for the purchase and repurposing a used vehicle to serve as a blocker vehicle. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Deputy Apolo introduced us to our new Sheriff's Deputy Andy Migerink.

Water/Sewer Administrator Boss shared that our sewer bond is paid off.

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

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

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

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

Moved by VanHaitsma, seconded by Tacoma, to add Pathways to our agenda as an Item for Discussion and/or action. The motion passed.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Windemuller, to open the public hearing for Elzinga Special Use Application.

No comments.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded to Wolfert, to close the public hearing for Elzinga Special Use Application.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to approve Resolution R26-006 to grant a Special Use Permit for a diesel truck repair business located at 2865 32nd Avenue. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Nay: Windemuller The motion passed.

The 2026-2027 budget included having the pathway near Searchlight Ministries fixed. However, it has come to the Township's attention that the pathway along 32nd between Quincy and Greenly is complete except for the portion in front of the University of Michigan Health facility (they made a "payment in lieu" under the pathways ordinance provision when the facility was built). So, the Board would like to have our Financial Director Andrea Sandoval move the approximately \$80,000 budgeted for fixing the pathway by Searchlight to finishing the pathway along 32nd Avenue in front of University of Michigan Health facility; the Board was comfortable with the Supervisor getting bids for the work and reporting back to the Board regarding the bids.

Information was shared asking the Board to consider moving ahead with the Community Building at the Community Park. Moved by Wolfert, seconded by DeHaan, to table the conversation until the May Board meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Ordinance #26-006 to Amend Ordinance #127: The Jamestown Cost Recovery Ordinance was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the May 18, 2026 Board meeting.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to approve Resolution R26-007 approving Ballot Proposal for New Additional Millage for Fire Operating Purposes. Roll call vote: Yeas: Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Nay: Miller, Windemuller. The motion passed.

Moved by Wolfert, seconded by Tacoma, to create a written process for giving the Fire Fighters an annual 5% bonus. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by DeHaan, for second reading and final approval of Ordinance 26-005 amending JCT Zoning Ordinance to add a new section, Section 29.7 – Moratorium for Certain Uses and Developments (Data Centers). Roll call vote: Yeas: Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. Nay: Miller. The motion was approved and the ordinance was adopted.

Motion by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to meet in a closed session at 8:30pm 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: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:56pm.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Wolfert, to authorize and direct the Township Supervisor, in consultation with the Township Attorney, to proceed in accordance with the Township Attorney's recommendations set forth in the attorney's letter dated April 14, 2026. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.


Items of Information: Update on Campbell Plant Group per Trustee Miller: The group is talking about making the plant a locally owned facility. However, the process of making this happen is a lengthy one.

Dumpster Day will be May 2, 2026 from 8:30am - 1:30pm at the Jamestown Community Park.

Uniform pathway signs are being designed by West Michigan Trails. The cost of our Federick Meijer pathways would be covered 100%. The other pathways will be charged 20% of cost.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: None

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Tacoma, to adjourn at 9:04pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

4/23/2026

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date