

JAMESTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Jamestown Charter Township Hall, 2380 Riley St., Hudsonville MI 49426

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Commissioners Dan Bodbyl, Dana O'Dell, Al Jeurink, Sherrie Miedema, Dean Smith, and Tim Tacoma were present. Commissioner Kronemeyer was absent with notice.

ALSO PRESENT: Township Planner Greg Ransford.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Bodbyl opened with the Invocation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner Miedema, supported by Commissioner Tacoma, to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2026, Planning Commission meeting as written. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Commissioner Tacoma, supported by Commissioner Jeurink, to approve the agenda with a correction to the item of new business to read Text Amendment-Section 29.7D. Motion carried.

GENERAL COMMENTS REGARDING NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Public Hearing**
 - **Text Amendment-Section 29.7D-Moratorium for Certain Uses and Developments** to extend the date of the current moratorium on data center developments to February 15, 2027.
A motion was made by Commissioner Tacoma, supported by Commissioner Bodbyl, to open the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.
There were no comments from the public.
A motion was made by Commissioner Tacoma, supported by Commissioner Miedema, to close the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Commissioner Tacoma, supported by Commissioner Miedema, to recommend that the Jamestown Charter Township Board of Trustees adopt the Ordinance to amend the Jamestown Charter Township Zoning Ordinance relating to a moratorium for certain uses and developments.
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Text Amendments**
 - **Data Centers-The Planning Commissioners** reviewed the 2nd draft of the proposed ordinance that incorporates changes discussed at the July 21, 2026 Planning Commission meeting. Commissioner O'Dell provided another list of items to consider or clarify, including decibel levels, the required noticing distance to neighboring property owners required of the facility operator prior to conducting testing that involves 89 more than a certain percentage of the facility's total generator capacity simultaneously, insurance certificates being sent to the Township Zoning Administrator, how to determine abandonment of a Data Center, and groundwater access. Planner Ransford was directed to provide a 3rd draft incorporating proposed changes and suggestions for review at a future meeting.

- **Renewable Energies-The Planning Commissioners** reviewed the 2nd draft of the proposed ordinance that incorporates changes discussed at the June 16, 2026 Planning Commission meeting, including discussion of megawatts capacities as regards to the facility's ability to apply through the township or the state. Planner Ransford was directed to provide a 3rd draft incorporating suggestions from Commissioner O'Dell for review at a future meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None. Planner Ransford stated that next month's Planning Commission agenda would likely have a Public Hearing for the Master Plan, a Public Hearing for a pole barn in front of a house, a Public Hearing for an event barn, and maybe updated text amendment ordinance drafts for Data Centers and Renewable Energies.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENT: Commissioner O'Dell reported that RWE will be holding new Public Hearings as they are required to include notice to Ottawa County. The one in Jamestown will be on Friday, September 11, 2026 in the Patmos Library Depot Room.

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Commissioner Miedema, supported by Commissioner Bodbyl, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Maureen Carmody, Recording Secretary
Planning Commission

Minutes approved on

_____ by _____ (chair)