

Jamestown Charter Township Board
Monday, August 17, 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.

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 Tacoma, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of the minutes for the August 10, 2026, Special Meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by Wolfert, to approve the Township Board Minutes of July 20, 2026. Carried by voice vote.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Brouwer, to approve the Township Board Minutes of August 10, 2026 Special Meeting. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comments for items on the agenda: Comments were made by Joel Studebaker, Cadence DeVree, Brad DeWeerd, John Holmlund, James Paauwe, Peter Plowman, Cadence DeVree for Dan Kerkstra, Doug Kuiper and Nancy Kuiper.

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

There were 5 burials in Jamestown Cemeteries during the month of July.

There was one piece of correspondence from Stephen Sanders.

Items for Discussion and/or Action:

Moved by Miller, seconded by Tacoma, 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.

Dan Veldhuizen with Siegfried, Crandall P.C. reviewed our 2025-2026 Audit Results. There were no deficiencies and no adjustments were needed. It was recommended that we update our current fiscal policies and procedures.

Attorney Nettleton updated the Board on the RWE Solar Facility Court Case. The Michigan Court of Appeals determined that the applicants needed to alert the County, even if the County does not exercise zoning jurisdiction, and that the County was to be

involved in the preliminary meetings. RWE did not do this and therefore needed to go back to start over, provide notice to the County, and re-do their public meetings. Nothing will proceed in RWE's case before the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") until RWE has these meetings and the County has the opportunity to decide whether to intervene in the MPSC case. What is unknown at this time is whether RWE will need to refile its application and start over in the process at the MPSC or whether RWE will be able to resume the process at the MPSC under its current application. The Township Board is asked to consider a resolution requesting the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to intervene in the RWE MPSC case.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded to Wolfert, to approve Resolution R26-012 to encourage Ottawa County to intervene in the contested case before the Michigan Public Service Commission regarding the proposed Silver Maple Solar Facility. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer, Windemuller and Tacoma. The motion passed.

Moved by Brouwer, seconded by DeHaan, to open the public hearing for the SoundOff Signal Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application.

Ryan Ferrier with Lakeshore Advantage and Tim Kesler with SoundOff were present. Peter Plowman and Joel Studebaker commented.

Moved by Tacoma, seconded by Brouwer, to close the public hearing for the SoundOff Signal Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Application.

Moved by Wolfert, seconded by Miller, to approve the SoundOff Signal Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption for a period of 12 years. Roll call vote: Yeas: Miller, Wolfert, DeHaan, VanHaitsma, Brouwer and Tacoma. Nay: Windemuller. The motion passed.

Ordinance #26-008 to amend the JCT Zoning Ordinance by rezoning certain lands to the R-1 residential zoning district was introduced, read for the first time, ordered published, and tentatively scheduled for a second reading at the September 21, 2026, Board meeting.

Items of Information: There are no significant updates for either park or the Campbell plant.

Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda: Comments were made by Paul Witte, Cadence DeVree, Dr. Allen Swaak, Steve VanDyk, Carmen VanDyk, Joel Studebaker, Peter Plowman and Dana O'Dell.

Moved by DeHaan, seconded by Brouwer, to adjourn at 8:43pm. Carried by voice vote.



Candy DeHaan, Township Clerk

8/18/2026

Date

Laurie VanHaitsma, Township Supervisor

Date