

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2021

Supervisor Stanley Brown called the Regular Board Meeting, held virtually per State of Michigan Order, to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier, and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Ruth Coppens, Jonesfield Township ZBA Chair, Jim Gray – Zoning and Building Administration, and Brittney Headley – DTE Representative

PERMITS: Electrical Permit 21-01 Zeitler (Leddy Electric)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment – None.
- III. Addition to Agenda – None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from January 18, 2021 Board Meeting – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to approve the minutes. Second by Trustee Nock. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier, and Stanley. Nays – None. Carried.
- V. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$62,970.69, Trash Fund - \$30,529.34, Police Fund - \$42,253.40, Water Fund - \$158,241.27, and Wind Energy Fund - \$8,416.84. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to approve Treasurer Report. Second by Trustee Nock. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier and Stanley. Nays – None. Carried.
 - b. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim stated that he was able to get the name of the gentleman that is selling vehicles on his personal property at the east end of town. He will proceed with contacting him.
- VI. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)

- a. Planning Commission – Supervisor Brown stated that himself and Planning Commission Chair met with DTE to see how things were going and to check on the time line they are looking at to proceed with Special Use Permit.
- b. Waste Authority – None.
- c. Saga (GIS) – Annual board meeting was held. All of the new officers were sworn in.

VII. Informational Items:

- a. Board of Review training will be taken on February 16, 2021 by the BOR members through Saginaw County at no charge to the township – Supervisor Brown stated that everyone was all scheduled to participate in this training remotely.
- b. Board of Review dates are March 10th & 11th this year –
- c. Quarterly review of budget – Clerk Stanley presented the board members with the third quarter standings of the Budget to Actual postings. Discussion was held on the different line items. The Board of Review line item is over budget due to the reinstatement of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the expenses that were incurred from this. There was no line item for the ZBA in the original budget that was approved. Motion was made by Clerk Stanley to make an adjustment of \$750.00 from Building and Grounds to Board of Review. Second by Treasurer Parker. Roll call vote: Ayes – Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier and Stanley. Nays – none. Carried.

VIII. Discussion Items: None.

- IX. Roundtable for the good of the township: Clerk Stanley announced to the board that she has had a conversation with her current Deputy Clerk, Tracey Slodowski, and they think it would be best if we started actively looking for a replacement deputy. One that would be able to work more directly with the clerk and be able to assist the clerk better when needed. With the current Deputy Clerk being a clerk for her own township there are times that this is not always possible.

Trustee Nock mentioned that she had noticed that our current police officer has not been joining our meetings so that we could get current updates on what is happening in the township and village. It was also discussed that we are no longer receiving the monthly schedule for the police officer either. Treasurer Parker, chair for the police board, stated that she is planning to schedule a Police Board meeting with the other Police Board members in the very near future. These items will be addressed at that time.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made motion to pay bills – General Fund - \$12,546.50, Police Fund - \$25,346.57, Trash Fund - \$4,541.86, Water Fund - \$0.00, Wind Energy Fund - \$33,593.62. Total bills equaling \$76,028.55. Second by Trustee Nock. Roll call vote: Ayes – Glazier, Brown, Nock, Parker, and Stanley. Nays – None. Carried. It was noted that the Wind Energy bills will not be mailed till the direct deposit is received from DTE.
- b. Resolution to Adopt New Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Asset Test – Supervisor Stanley made a motion to adopt the new resolution that was presented to the board members in the Board Meeting Packet. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- c. Resolution to Adopt Extensions allowed by law for the Property Exemption – Supervisor Stanley made a motion to adopt the new resolution that was presented to the board members in the Board Meeting Packet. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.

- XI. Extended Public Comment – Clerk Stanley mentioned that we needed to schedule a date for the Jonesfield Township Budget Workshop. Discussion was held. The date of March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. would work for everyone.
- XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, March 15, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Parker to adjourn meeting at 6:37 p.m. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried. Roll call vote: Ayes – Glazier, Nock, Parker, Brown, and Stanley. Nays – none. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk