

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2022

- PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, and Stanley
- ABSENT: Glazier
- GUESTS: Larry and Diane Fleming, Jonesfield Township residents; Danielle Briggs, Jonesfield Township Deputy Clerk; Christine Rames, Jonesfield Township Assessor, and Rochelle Siler, Township resident
- PERMITS: Mechanical Permit # 22-002 – Fox, Mechanical Permit # 22-004 – Hickey, Electrical Permit # 22-002 - Reiber
- I. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Public Comment – None.
 - III. Call to Order of the Jonesfield Township Regular board meeting – Supervisor Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 - IV. Additions to Agenda – Supervisor Brown asked for an Informational line item regarding a Fire Department Update; and an Action Item regarding a Resolution to Modify Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxes. Clerk Stanley asked for an Informational line item to be added regarding the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors Nomination Application.
 - V. Approval of meeting minutes from the January 17, 2022 Board Meeting – Treasurer Parker made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Nock second. Carried.
 - VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$132,559.21, Trash Fund - \$24,777.38, Police Fund - \$32,963.17, Water Fund - \$224,863.46, and Wind Energy Fund - \$12,083.22. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to accept Treasurer’s Report. Second by Supervisor Brown. Carried.
 - b. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – No report.
 - VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
 - a. Planning Commission – No report.

- b. Waste Authority – No report.
- c. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Brown reported the Saga-GIS is working on enhancements to their website to include township cemetery plots. More information to follow.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Board of Review will be held Monday, March 14, 2022 from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 15, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The organizational meeting for the BOR members will be March 8, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.
- b. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown informed board that it has been decided by the current Judge that this litigation should go back to the original Judge that held the first hearing. Nothing more on any court dates.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. We need to establish the date for the Budget Workshop meeting – Supervisor Brown asked the board for available dates for the Annual Budget Workshop meeting. Discussion was held with the board members. The date of Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. was agreed upon.
- b. Supervisor Brown announced that he has received Christine Rames resignation as Assessor for the Jonesfield Township. Christine’s resignation is as of May 1, 2022. Supervisor Brown will be working on getting a replacement – will be contacting Saginaw County Equalization office for suggestions for a replacement.
- c. Supervisor Brown was in contact with the Jonesfield/Lakefield Fire Department and he will be receiving financials from the department as requested previously. He is suggesting a special meeting to be held with the fire department and Lakefield Township’s board members along with our board members. More to come on this.
- d. Roundtable for the good of the township – Clerk Stanley announced to the board that she will be absent for the April 18, 2022 board meeting. Deputy Clerk Briggs will be in attendance in her place.

X. Action Items:

- a. Resolution to appoint Larry Fleming as alternate BOR member for 2022 – Supervisor Brown presented the board with a resolution to appoint Larry Fleming as an Alternate Board of Review member for 2022. This appointment comes due to the knowledge of Board of Review member Mike Kenny not being able to attend the March 2022 BOR meeting dates – he is going to be out of town. Discussion was held by board. Second offered by Trustee Nock to accept

resolution. Clerk Stanley held a roll call vote. Ayes – Brown, Parker, Nock and Stanley. Nays – none. Resolution adopted.

- b. Resolution to Modify Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxes – Assessor Christine Rames presented the board with a resolution to update the guidelines that are used for poverty exemptions from property taxes. Discussion was held by the board. Motion made by Supervisor Brown to accept resolution. Second by Treasurer Parker. Clerk Stanley held roll call vote: Ayes – Brown, Parker, Nock, and Stanley. Resolution adopted.
- c. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$12,486.64; Trash Fund - \$4,574.56; Police Fund - \$255.00; Wind Energy Fund - \$156.00; Water Fund - \$0.00. Total bills paid equal \$17,472.20. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment – None.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. Special Budget Board Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Nock to adjourn meeting at 7:39 p.m. Second by Supervisor Brown. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk