

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2022

PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, and Stanley

ABSENT: Glazier

GUESTS: Larry and Diane Fleming, Jonesfield Township residents; Danielle Briggs, Jonesfield Township Deputy Clerk; Mark Gath, Jonesfield Township Planning Commission Chair; and Jim Gray, Jonesfield Township Zoning Administrator

PERMITS: None.

- 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 – Clerk Stanley asked for a line item to be added in the Information Items for the Budget vs Actual financial review.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from the December 20, 2021 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the clerical corrections she noted. Supervisor Brown second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$143,951.99, Trash Fund - \$29,383.24, Police Fund - \$57,042.77, Water Fund - \$224,861.55, and Wind Energy Fund - \$23,972.22. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to accept Treasurer’s Report. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
 - b. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim presented to the board information about a new program, MADCAD, which is online libraries to codes and standards. They build and maintain subscription based online libraries such as what is required that will be accessible from your computer or other device simply by doing a login with a user name and password. MADCAD has access to a vast majority of the required reference standards and is working on securing agreements from the remainder of the publishers on the essential reference

standards list. This is available at a discounted rate through the Saginaw Valley Chapter International Code Council. The cost for this program is \$255.00 annually, but could change year to year depending on the number of townships that enroll through the SVCICC.

VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)

- a. Planning Commission – Mark Gath reported to the board about the January 2022 meeting. The Planning Commission have begun to review the Sign Ordinance. It has been brought to the Planning Commission attention by Jim Gray that our ordinance needs to be updated. They will continue this review at the next meeting scheduled for April 2022.
- b. Waste Authority – Trustee Nock attended the January 10, 2022 meeting for the MMWA. Kathy reported that this meeting covered the arbitration of the bidder’s agreements for the new contracts. Next meeting is a Special Meeting in March. The April/May meeting will be finalizing the new contracts for MMWA.
- c. Saga (GIS) – None.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown informed board that there is nothing new to report at this time. Judges are holding up process at this point.
- b. Budget vs Actual Financial Report – Clerk Stanley provided the board with the current Budget vs Actual Financials for the township. Discussion was held by board about current standings.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Introduction/explanation of MADCAD program by Jim Gray – previously discussed under Reports.
- b. Discuss request from Village seeking Township support for the community park – Supervisor Brown made the board aware of the letter received from the Village of Merrill requesting a contribution from the township for the Village Park. Discussion was held by the board regarding this request. It was agreed that at this time the Township is not in a financial position to be able to make a contribution this next fiscal year. Supervisor Brown will compose a decline letter to the Village.
- c. Roundtable for the good of the township – Supervisor Brown informed the board that he had a conversation with Tom Mayan regarding the Jonesfield Lakefield Fire Department. Brown requested a copy of the Fire Department’s final year-end balance sheet and a copy of their 5-year plan. Tom Mayan stated that he would see that a copy of this information was given to the board.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$11,692.78; Trash Fund - \$4,606.02; Police Fund - \$24,079.60; Wind Energy Fund - \$1,461.00; Water Fund - \$0.00. Total bills paid equal \$41,839.40. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.
- b. Supervisor Stanley made a motion to approve enrolling in the MADCAD program and pay the \$255.00 annual fee. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment – Mark Gath asked questions regarding the Township budget and the Fire Department budget for clarification.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, February 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Nock to adjourn meeting at 7:32 p.m. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk