

## Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2026

PRESENT: Brown, Clark, Nock, Foye, Swarthout

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Mark Gath, Planning Commission Chair; Jacob Polzin, Richland/Jonesfield Township Police; Don Kilgore, Jonesfield Township Fire Chief; Kevin Stevens; Matt Wagner, DTE; Jason Hannath, DTE, David Stevens, Mount Haley resident.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order of the Jonesfield Township Board meeting – Supervisor Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- III. Public Comment – None.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from December 15, 2025, Board Meeting. Supervisor Brown made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- VI. Reports: December 2025
  - a. Treasurers Report – General Fund -\$379,970.17; Trash Fund - \$51,976.50; Police Fund – \$50,996.01; Water Fund - \$209,043.38; Wind Energy Fund - \$14,855.97; Money Market - \$15,540.46
  - b. Scott Crofoot – Not present
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS) –
  - a. Planning Commission Chair, Mark Gath, stated at the public meeting on December 18, 2025, the commission approved the amended ordinance for further approval from the township board.
  - b. MMWA – Trustee Nock presented board with hazardous waste dates, which will be posted on the website and on the public information board at the township office.
  - c. GIS – no meeting this month.
- VIII Informational Items:

- a.) Supervisor Brown went over the estimate of funds from the Saginaw County Road Commission and how funds will be spent for fiscal year 2026/2027.

Discussion Items

- a. Supervisor Brown shared that renovation plans for the building at 149 N. Midland Road will be discussed at February 2026 meeting and renovation bids will be sought in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2026-2027.
- b. Roundtable for the good of the township – None.

VIII. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills was made by Trustee Nock. Second by Trustee Foye. Carried.
- b. Motion to accept the resolution implementing the new BESS ordinance. Clerk Clark took a roll call vote. Yays: Brown, Nock, Foye, Swarthout, Clark. Nays: None.
- c. Motion to accept the resolution amending the Schedule of Fees for Zoning Actions in Jonesfield Township. Clerk Clark took a roll call vote. Yays: Brown, Nock, Foye, Swarthout, Clark. Nays: None

IX. Extended Public Comment: Dave Stevens presented the board with information regarding his concerns of the impact a battery energy storage system would have on the community, housing marketability and possible fire hazard issues.

X. Mark Gath, Planning Commission chair, shared that during a safety specialist meeting, that the safety interlocks that are now in place are better than they were before, regarding the BESS.

XI. Jason Hanoth from DTE addressed the concerns that Dave Stevens shared.

XIII Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

XIV Adjourn: Motion made by Trustee Foye to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Kari Clark

Jonesfield Township Clerk