

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022

PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Larry Fleming – Jonesfield Township resident; Scott Crofoot, Jonesfield Township Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator; Mark Gath, Jonesfield Township Planning Commission Chair.

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 7:01 p.m.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from the June 20, 2022 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Treasurer Parker second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$146,205.33, Trash Fund - \$50,928.83, Police Fund - \$97,201.41, Water Fund - \$292,323.20, Wind Energy Fund - \$12,683.22, and ARPA Fund - \$44,032.67. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to accept Treasurer’s Report. Second by Supervisor Brown. Carried.
 - b. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Scott Crofoot, Jonesfield Township Zoning Administrator, updated the board that cleanup has begun on the property located on Steele Rd (pole barn fire). Residents are waiting for insurance company to be able to complete the cleanup. Scott also updated the board on the Fenmore Rd property. Trusses have been moved away from the road and required permits have now been applied for.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)

- a. Planning Commission – Mark Gath, PC Chair reported that there was a July meeting. Next meeting is in October.
- b. Waste Authority – None.
- c. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Brown reported that a new Treasurer has been appointed.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Board of Review scheduled for July 19th from 9 am to 1 pm.
- b. Status of road funding and proposed plans for repairs – Supervisor Brown reported that DTE has committed to funding \$900,000.00 for repairs to roads in the township effected by the installation of the wind turbines. Fenmore, Chapin and Steele Roads from O’Hara to Tittabawassee (except for a ½ mile section.) will be ground – leveled – graded and 2 inches of asphalt will be applied.
 - c. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown informed board there has been a court date set for July 25, 2022 and DTE has been included into this case.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Date for next meeting due to Supervisor being out on vacation – Discussion was held by board members regarding new date for the August board meeting. Supervisor Brown is going to be out of town on the regular third Monday meeting date. It was agreed to move the August meeting date to August 29, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
- b. Roundtable for the good of the township – Clerk Stanley informed board that the Absentee Ballot applications have been mailed and some have started coming back in. Election date is August 2, 2022.
- c. Village of Merrill decision on the new waste/recycling contracts - Supervisor Brown announced to the board that the Village of Merrill had made their decision regarding the new contract for their waste/recycling service. They have decided to go with the new company, Priority Waste, but continue with the manual pickup service. Discussion was held by the board members regarding what the township should do. Motion was made by Clerk Stanley to do the same as the Village and go with the new company, but with the same service we currently have. Second by Trustee Glazier. Carried, but not unanimously.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$11,576.86; Trash Fund - \$4,888.64; Police Fund - \$24,345.43; Wind Energy Fund - \$0.00; Water Fund - \$0.00; ARPA Funds - \$0.00. Total bills paid equal \$40,810.93. Second by Trustee Glazier. Carried.

- b. Approval of Michigan Township Participating Plan Proposal – Clerk Stanley presented to the board the Insurance renewal packet from Burnham and Flowers. Discussion was held on possible changes needed. It was decided to keep everything the same. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to accept new Burnham and Flowers proposal for 2022-2023. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment – None.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 29, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Parker to adjourn meeting at 7:54 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk