

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2021

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Larry Fleming – Jonesfield Township Assessor, Richard Bluemer – Planning Commission Chair, Tracey Slodowski – Jonesfield Township Deputy Clerk, Ruth Coppens – Jonesfield Township Zoning Board of Appeals Chair, Haley and Rod Kitzmiller, Jonesfield Township residents.

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 7:03 p.m.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from April 19, 2021 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Trustee Glazier second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$110,250.19, Trash Fund - \$66,362.15, Police Fund - \$106,101.28, Water Fund - \$200,051.57, and Wind Energy Fund - \$18,777.97. 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 – None.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
 - a. Planning Commission - Trustee Nock, Planning Commission member, reported the Planning Commission will be holding a special meeting May 25, 2021 at 6:00

p.m. to review Special Use Permit submitted by DTE for the Meridian Wind Project.

Supervisor Brown announced that the Siler/Jonesfield Township lawsuit had been dismissed by the judge.

- b. Waste Authority – No meeting. No report.
- c. Saga (GIS) – No meeting. No report.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Larry's replacement has been filled by Christine Rames. She is currently training with Larry Fleming. Larry Fleming did mention that Christine may need to have the APEX Software purchased for her computer. This is a program that Larry has on his computer and uses for the assessor position. Discussion was held. It was determined that if it is not able to be transferred from Larry's computer to Christine that the township would reimburse Christine for the purchase of this program.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Discussion around the value of the hall if we were to look at selling it – Supervisor Brown lead the conversation about possible values of the township hall building if the building was to be sold to the Village of Merrill.
- b. City of Midland spreading waste on Hutfilz farm on Frost and Steele roads – Supervisor Brown made the board aware of a permit between the City of Midland and the Hutfilz's regarding the spreading of human waste on the farm located at Frost and Steele roads.
- c. Roundtable for the good of the township – The topic of the hall rental scheduled for June 25th and 26th, 2021. Haley Kitzmiller and her father, Rod, asked if the board would be willing to let them use the tables and chairs, and the use of the kitchen in place of the full rental of the hall. The Kitzmillers have had the hall reserved for Haley's wedding reception but also have the pavilion reserved as a back up due to COVID. Discussion was held by the board and it was determined that the Kitzmiller's do have their party down to under the 50% capacity requirement from the State of Michigan and that Supervisor Brown will check with the township's legal counsel regarding opening the hall back up to rentals. Clerk Stanley is to check with insurance to also verify the current standing on this topic. If both legal and insurance is okay with updated mandates, the board determined that it may be possible for the Kitzmiller's to hold their party inside the hall. Clerk Stanley to get back with the Kitzmiller's with a determination.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to move at least a portion of the remaining funds from the 2020-2021 budget year to 2021-2022 to be used for road funding in the current year – Supervisor Brown opened the discussion about appropriating some or all of the funds remaining from the previous fiscal year to use for road maintenance. Discussion was held by board regarding this topic. Supervisor Brown made a motion to move \$10,000.00 from the new reserve amount from 2020-2021 fiscal year over to the current budget year to be appropriated to road maintenance. Second by Trustee Glazier. Roll call vote held by Clerk Stanley. Ayes – Glazier, Nock, Parker, Brown and Stanley. Nays – None. Carried.
- b. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made motion to pay bills – General Fund - \$27,906.03, Police Fund - \$225.00, Trash Fund - \$4,621.27, Water Fund - \$0.00, Wind Energy Fund - \$2,878.50. Total bills equaling \$35,630.80. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- c. Motion to accept 2020-2021 Budget adjustments – Clerk Stanley asked for approval for \$6,500 to be moved from the Election budget line to Drain at Large line and that \$1,000 be moved from Election budget line to the Treasurer Expense line. Motion was made by Treasurer Parker. Second by Trustee Glazier. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment –

Trustee Nock asked about the current police coverage coming to the schools. It was common practice of the previous officers to make a point of coming into the schools and have a physical presence and to be available to the children to meet and talk to the officer. Treasurer Parker stated that this had been discussed with Officer Polzin, but that she would touch base with him again about this.

Trustee Glazier asked what the status was on the house of the Hutfilz property on Frost Road. Discussion was held on this topic.

Richard Bluemer asked that if road repairs were going to be made this year to take a look at Dice Road between Fenmore and Meridian Roads. Discussion was held on this topic.

Ruth Coppens asked about the Fitzpatrick property located on Frost Road between Fenmore and Meridian Roads. Discussion was held on this topic.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, June 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Parker to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. Second by Trustee Glazier.
Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk