

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

April 15, 2019

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Parker, Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Tara Mager-Merrill Community School Superintendent, Teresa DeBeau - Merrill Community School Board Member, Mark Gath – Merrill Community School Board Member & Police Board Member, Jim Gray – Zoning Administrator, Larry Fleming – Assessor and Ryan Stockford – Saginaw County Deputy

### PERMITS:

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments- None
- III. Additions to Agenda – None
- IV. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2019 Board Meeting – Treasurer Parker made a motion to approve meeting minutes. Trustee Nock second. Carried.
- V. Special Guest: Tara Mager, Merrill Community Schools Presentation – Tara gave an excellent presentation on the state of the Merrill School System. All agreed that the success of the school and the community is dependent on community partnership.
- VI. Reports:
  - a) Treasurer – General Fund - \$92,149.41; Trash Fund - \$70,835.48; Police Fund - \$73,331.35; Water Project Fund - \$274,728.51.
  - b) Police – Discussion was held again about the upcoming contract renewal and the other options that the township is pursuing.
  - c) Zoning – Jim Gray – Zoning Administrator presented the board with the Active Complaint Log for Jonesfield Township and updated board members with the conversations he has had with the current township residents that he has been

working with. Also discussed the situation with the old Mike's Party Store property.

VII. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- *Planning Commission* – Trustee Nock reported on the April 9, 2019 meeting of the Planning Commission. Discussion on the clarification on the difference between a Police Power Ordinance and a regular ordinance. Shipping containers being used as storage units in the township – do we allow? Are they covered under any current zoning ordinances? The Planning Commission is also continuing their 5 year review of the current Zoning Ordinances. They are currently reviewing ordinances regarding fencing and farm animals. Next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2019.
- *Police Board* – Supervisor Tibbits and Village of Merrill Clerk, Jan Wazny, attended a meeting with Richland Township to look further into receiving police coverage through their township. Cost figures are being put together for us. Once we receive these figures, there will need to be a decision made – Do we continue with Saginaw County Sheriff's department? Are they going to be willing to adjust their cost and supply a vehicle for the coverage? Or do we switch to having coverage supplied by Richland Township? Or do we dissolve the special assessment district and use the countywide Sheriff Patrol as other communities do.
- *Waste Authority* – Supervisor Tibbits attended the latest Waste Authority meeting. Recycling was the hot topic of the meeting. Panel discussion was held on continuing of recycling and its value. Decision needs to be made by year end.
- *Saga (GIS)* – Supervisor Tibbits attended the latest meeting of the Saginaw GIS user committee. It was announced that all zoning by county is beginning to be added to the website. Drainage Districts, Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control is also being added to site. They are also looking into updating the website to include real time postings of property tax and comparable sales options.
- *Municipal Water* – None.

VIII. Information Items:

- a) *May Election* – Clerk Stanley reported that we are on track for the May 7<sup>th</sup> Special Election. Absentee ballots are starting to come in. Discussion was held on the possible results of the election and what the next steps would then be.

- b) Scheduling the Public Accuracy Test for the May Election – Discussion was held on the date needed for the Public Accuracy Test. The test was set for April 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Jonesfield Township Hall.

IX. Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Catherine Naessens PA116 Early Termination Resolution for House and Barn Sub Parcel – Proposed resolution for the acceptance of the requested early termination of the PA116 was presented. Motion was made by Supervisor Tibbits to accept proposed resolution. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried. Roll call vote:

- Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Parker and Stanley
- Nays: None.

- b) Three Parcel Requests for PA116 approval from Pat Kenny and One Parcel Request from Mitch Kenny –

- Motion made to accept application 01-2019 for the parcel owned by Mitch Kenny was made by Trustee Nock. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Parker and Stanley
- Nays: None
- Trustee Buckley abstained from vote

Carried.

- Motion made to accept application 02-2019 for Parcel 1 owned by Pat Kenny was made by Trustee Nock. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Parker and Stanley
- Nays: None
- Trustee Buckley abstained from vote

Carried.

- Motion made to accept application 03-2019 for Parcel 2 owned by Pat Kenny was made by Trustee Nock. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll Call Vote:

- Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Parker and Stanley
- Nays: None
- Trustee Buckley abstained from vote

Carried.

- Motion made to accept application 04-2019 for Parcel 3 owned by Pat Kenny was made by Trustee Nock. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll Call Vote:
  - Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Parker and Stanley
  - Nays: None
  - Trustee Buckley abstained from vote

Carried.

- c) MTA Request for Partisan or Non-Partisan Officials – A copy of the letter received from the MTA requesting action by the board to take a position regarding their preference between partisan and non-partisan elected offices. Discussion was held on this letter. It was decided by the Jonesfield Township Board to stay neutral on this matter.
- d) Roundtable for the good of the Township – Assessor Larry Fleming announced that the Mosquito Abatement started their mosquito spraying today, April 15, 2019.

X. Action Items:

- a) Motion to Pay Bills – General Fund - \$10,440.09, Police Fund - \$637.31, Trash Fund - \$4,149.50, Water Project Fund - \$0.00. Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment – None.

XII. Next Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Nock to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk