

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

August 19, 2019

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Parker, Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Danielle Swarthout – Jonesfield Twp resident, Mark Gath – Police Board member, Jon Johnson – Burnham & Flowers Insurance Representative, Jack Doyle – Richland Twp Police Dept and one unnamed Jonesfield resident

PERMITS: 4-19-J Plumbing-Mosher; 4-19-J Electrical–Mosher; 13-19-J Electrical-Olson; 13-19-J Building Permit-Olson; 12-19-J Mechanical-Doehring; 12-19-J L/P Tank-Doehring

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments - None.
- III. Additions to Agenda – None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from the July 15, 2019 Board Meeting – Motion made by Treasurer Parker with the correction of the total fund balance for the Water Fund to be corrected to \$190,545.61. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- V. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$56,132.09, Trash Fund - \$57,388.37, Police Fund - \$80,166.87 and Water Fund - \$190,545.61.
  - b. Police Report – Supervisor Tibbits announced that Deputy Stockford is no longer the Jonesfield Twp/Village of Merrill officer. Starting August 26, 2019, we will be having a replacement officer to cover for the remainder of the contract with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office.
  - c. Zoning – None.

- VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:
- a. Planning Commission – Next meeting will be held October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
  - b. Police Board – Meeting information will be shared in the Action Items, Section IX.
  - c. Waste Authority – Supervisor Tibbits discussed the information submitted to the board members regarding the current costs compared to the proposed new cost with possibly switching recycling processing to be done with American Waste Processing with the transportation to Traverse City by Waste Management.
  - d. Saga (GIS) – None.
  - e. Municipal Water – None.
- VII. Information Items:
- a. Joint Lakefield/Jonesfield/Fire Board Meeting Monday, September 9, 2019 – Supervisor Tibbits announced the date, time and place of the annual meeting for the joint Lakefield/Jonesfield/Fire Board Meeting. September 9, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Jonesfield/Lakefield Fire Hall.
- VIII. Discussion Items:
- a. Dannielle Swarthout Request to Restrict Trucks from Meridian Road – a copy of Danielle’s email along with a copy of Section 257.726 of the Michigan Vehicle Code was given to the board members to review. Discussion was held regarding the situation that is happening on the first mile south of M-46 on Meridian Road since the improvements of the road. This section of road is now being used by gravel train trucks and others as their main traveling route and they are driving over the speed limit. It was asked of the Planning Commission to discuss the possibility of an ordinance to restrict this traffic at their October 2019 meeting. Trustee Nock, member of the Planning Commission, was asked to add it to their agenda. Also recommended to Dannielle to contact the Motor Carrier Division of MSP for possible monitoring of this mile of Meridian Road.
  - b. Township Insurance Coverage – Remaining Questions for Jon Johnson of Burnham and Flowers. Jon Johnson of Burnham and Flowers presented the board with the 2019/2020 Michigan Township Participating Plan Proposal for Jonesfield Township. Jon started out by discussing the current dividend returns received by the township for being a participate in the plan. Jon also discussed the availability of grant funds that are available to the township for Safety & Risk Reduction projects. The maximum amount we could receive is \$5,000.00. Applications are available online to submit – available beginning October 1, 2019. Township is eligible for one grant per calendar year. Discussion was held in length regarding qualifications for these grants. Next, Jon discussed the various coverages of our policy with discussions held on various points. It was

decided by the board to go with the same coverages as the previous year with a total premium of \$4,401.00.

- c. Roundtable for the good of the Township – Trustee Buckley asked for another update of the Chapin Road Bridge Project. Supervisor Tibbits announced that the culvert is to be ready for delivery on August 26, 2019. Detour signs have begun to be placed in the area for this project.

IX. Action Items:

- a. Merrill/Jonesfield/Richland Police Protection Agreement Review, Comment and Approval – Proposed contract was distributed to the board members to review. Discussion was held on various points with the contract. One of the main concerns was about who would be the responsible party to cover the \$500 deductible if any damages were made to police vehicle. After a lengthy discussion and clarification was made, a motion was made to accept the submitted contract with the added verbiage to Section II – M) stating that Jonesfield Township’s cost of repair can include collision and any deductible consideration as well as maintenance repair. Motion made by Clerk Stanley. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- b. Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills – General Fund - \$13,165.79 plus the amount to be determined for the insurance premium to Burnham and Flowers currently at \$4,401.00, Police Fund - \$442.05, Trash Fund - \$4,452.53, Water Fund - \$0.00. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

X. Extended Public Comment – None.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 9:05 p.m. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk