

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

July 15, 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: Ryan Stockford – Saginaw County Deputy, Richard Bluemer – Planning Commission Chairperson and several members of the public

PERMITS: Mechanical Permit 4-19-J – Mosher; L/P Tank Permit 4-19-J – Mosher; Mechanical Permit 1-19-J - Heinrich

Pledge of Allegiance

- I. Public Comments – Various residents voiced concerns regarding current standing of the Wind Ordinance.
- II. Additions to Agenda – Mercantile Bank Resolution for roof loan to be added to IX Action Items as d). Also adding to VIII Discussion Items, c) Quarterly Budget Report; d) Planning Commission Meeting questions and e) Chapin Road Bridge Update.
- III. Approval of minutes from the June 17, 2019 Board Meeting – Motion made by Treasurer Parker. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$52,426.31, Trash Fund - \$61,798.82, Police Fund - \$80,719.09 and Water Fund - \$190,545.61.
 - b. Police Report – Saginaw County Deputy Stockford reported that it has been business as usual. He currently has a trainee riding with him.
 - c. Zoning – Jim Gray reported that tickets have been issued to the two reoccurring violators (South Meridian Road and Gratiot Road) and we are currently awaiting court dates.
- V. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Trustee Nock discussed the items covered at the July 9, 2019 Planning Commission meeting. Discussion was held regarding possible Jake Brake Ordinance for the township – Village of Merrill currently has such ordinance. Commission is going to look at the Village’s Ordinance for comparison. Mike DeBeau was at the July meeting representing the Village of Merrill, requesting participation with the Township Planning Commission for reviewing Master Plan. This Plan needs to be reviewed by 2020. Shipping containers were also discussed – going to request a copy of the Thomas Township Ordinance to review. Regarding the Wind Ordinance status, at this point the Planning Commission is waiting on receiving a special permit request from DTE for review. The commission also continued with the reviewing and updating of the Zoning Ordinance Book. Next meeting will be held October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- b. Police Board – Meeting information will be shared in the Information Items, Section VII.
- c. Waste Authority – None.
- d. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Tibbits discussed the recent meeting that he attended. They have added a couple of new features to their website – one being the capability to do a search for the names of the county commissioners; and the other is the ability to find the Zoning Classifications of different properties in Saginaw County. There was also a budget discussion regarding the need to have an increase or to leave at the current rate of \$1.65 per parcel for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019.
- e. Municipal Water – None.

VI. Information Items:

- a) Police Board Recommendation for Police Agency to Contract with –The Police Board is making the recommendation to the township board to go forward with the police contract with Richland Township. Draft of contract is being reviewed by police board, Village of Merrill and Richland Township. Trustee Buckley presented questions that police board may want to consider.
 - Ticket revenue – Who receives?
 - Does Jonesfield Township need to adjust insurance coverage for police officer/car?
 - Is additional coverage at the school for school events going to be covered in schedule?
 - Exit deadline in new contract – 90 days, same as the current contract with Saginaw County Sheriff’s Department.

- Cost of contract to remain at the same ratio – 40/60 between Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township based upon number of parcels in each. Is the percentage going to be adjusted for the extra coverage given to the Village of Merrill?

Treasurer Parker, member of Police Board, will present questions to the Police Board for review.

VII. Discussion Items:

- a. Roundtable for the good of the Township –
- b. Township Insurance Coverage – Michigan Township Participating Plan Proposal received from Burnham and Flower was reviewed by board members. Discussion followed regarding liability coverage for trustees. Trustee Buckley requested for our insurance representative, Jon Johnson to attend August meeting to answer questions. Clerk Stanley to contact Jon and set up meeting.
- c. Quarterly Budget Report – Clerk Stanley presented 1st quarter budget figures for the board members to review. General questions asked and answered.
- d. Planning Commission Meeting Update – Trustee Buckley had asked for update from the Planning Commission regarding Wind Turbine project. Trustee Nock stated at this point commission is waiting to receive Special Use Permit from DTE. Trustee Buckley asked if there was going to be specific guidelines/requirements that were going to be put into place to be used when reviewing permit. Trustee Nock will take questions back to Planning Commission for review.
- e. Chapin Road Bridge Update – Trustee Buckley asked if there had been any concerns presented regarding contractor selected for the Chapin Road Bridge project. He had been informed that on a St Louis project, the city had problems this same contractor completing the project. Discussion was help by board members.

VIII. Action Items:

- a. Motion to Pay Bills - Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills – General Fund – \$8,976.22, Police Fund - \$558.18, Trash Fund - \$4,410.45, Water Fund - \$0.00. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- b. Motion to Approve Insurance Coverage – Trustee Buckley made motion to approve presented insurance proposal from Burnham & Flowers with a meeting to follow with insurance representative, Jon Johnson. Supervisor Tibbits seconded. Carried.

- c. Motion to Approve Proceeding with Police Contract Drafting and Notices – A motion was made by Supervisor Tibbits and seconded by Treasurer Parker to accept the recommendation of the Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township Police Board to contract with Richland Township for police protection beginning October 1, 2019. The motion to include pursuing the development of three-party contract for police protection to be ready for board approval at our August 19, 2019 board meeting. The board authorizes a joint letter with the Village of Merrill to be sent to Richland Township of our intent to engage Richland Township for this service according to the same basic contract terms as exist with the current Saginaw County Sheriff and authorizing a joint letter with the Village of Merrill be sent to the Saginaw County Sheriff notifying them that the current contract will not be renewed beyond October 1, 2019. Carried.
- d. Mercantile Bank Resolution – A copy of the required resolution from Mercantile Bank for the roof repair loan was presented to the board members for review. Motion made by Treasurer Parker to approve resolution. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Roll Call Vote:
 - Ayes: Nock, Tibbits, Parker and Buckley
 - Nays: None
 - Clerk Stanley abstained from vote.

Carried.

IX. Extended Public Comment – None.

Motion made by Treasurer Parker to adjourn meeting at 9:00 p.m. Second by Clerk Stanley.
Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk