

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

June 17, 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 and several members of the public

PERMITS: None

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments – Various residents voiced concerns the regarding current standing of the Wind Ordinance. Mike DeBeau, member of the Village of Merrill Planning Commission, asked about the Township Board’s interest in doing a joint review of the Master Plan. This has been done jointly in the past between Jonesfield Township and the Village of Merrill. This request will be mentioned to the Planning Commission Chair and reviewed at next Planning Commission meeting.
- III. Additions to Agenda – Burnham and Flowers Insurance Renewal Proposal to be added to the Discussion Items. MTA Board of Director Election Ballot to be added to Action Items.
- IV. Approval of minutes from May 20, 2019 Board Meeting – Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to accept minutes with the editing of the verbiage in the Public Comment and Extended Public Comment regarding motions made by Trustee Buckley. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- V. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$41,005.34, Trash Fund - \$62,620.01, Police Fund - \$72,265.49 and Water Fund - \$160,719.91.
  - b. Police Report – Saginaw County Deputy Stockford reported that there was a pole barn broken into on North Chapin Rd. Numerous items were stolen.

- c. Zoning – No report from Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement. Supervisor Tibbits mentioned letter received from Supervisor Rohde, Wheeler Township, regarding a complaint received regarding jake brakes being used on Meridian Road. Letter will be forwarded to Jim Gray for him to do follow-up.

VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Trustee Nock announced that the next Planning Commission meeting will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.
- b. Police Board – Meeting information will be shared in the Information Items, Section VII.
- c. Waste Authority – Supervisor Tibbits attended the past meeting of the Waste Authority. Discussions are being held regarding the ever increasing costs of recycling and its worth. Due to the decline in acceptance of recycled goods from China; no acceptance for glass recycling, etc. is causing an increase in the expense for continuing to recycle. The processing contract for the 33 municipalities is expiring at year end and the Waste Authority Board needs to make a decision regarding their next steps of whether to continue the recycling program.
- d. Saga (GIS) – None.
- e. Municipal Water – None.

VII. Information Items:

- a) Police Contract Renewal – Discussion was held about the last meeting between the Village of Merrill, Jonesfield Township and Richland Township on June 11, 2019 regarding the proposal for Jonesfield Township to join Richland Township for local police coverage. A comparison chart was presented to each board member with the contract proposals received from the Saginaw County Sheriff's office and from Richland Township. Recommendation was made for this information to be passed onto the Police Board to review and then for them to make final recommendation back to the Board at the July Township meeting.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a) Roundtable for the good of the Township – Trustee Buckley asked about a status report on the Chapin Road Bridge. Supervisor Tibbits reported that the contract has been awarded to a contractor. Hoping for a starting of project in the month of July.
- b) Trustee Nock announced that the Welcome Committee has been finalized at the school and the Welcome Packets have been completed. Asked for residents to keep

them informed of any new families moving into the Jonesfield Township that they could extend one of the Welcome Packets to.

IX. Action Items:

- a. Motion to Pay Bills - Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills – General Fund – \$11,615.99, Police Fund - \$608.55, Trash Fund - \$4,273.17, Water Fund - \$0.00. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.
- b. Motion to Take Out Loan and Authorized Board Members to Sign – Motion made by Trustee Buckley to move forward on \$40,000 loan with Mercantile Bank that was tabled back in December 2018 with Supervisor Tibbits and Clerk Stanley to be authorized Board Members to sign loan documents. Trustee Nock second. Carried.
- c. MTA Board of Director Election Ballot – Copy of submitted Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Director Election Ballot was passed out to all board members for their review. Discussion was made on both candidates. Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits for the township for vote for Joanne Boehler – Treasurer, James Township. Treasurer Parker second. Carried. Clerk Stanley to mail ballot by deadline.
- d. Michigan Township Participating Plan Proposal – A copy of the proposal received from Burnham & Flowers for Insurance coverage was given to each member of the Board for review. Discussion was held on coverages. Will be reviewed again at the July 15, 2019 meeting.

X. Extended Public Comment –

- a. Dave Hutfilz - asked questions regarding the Chapin Road Bridge Project.
- b. Jamie Sinclair – Asked questions regarding funding with roof loan and budget standings.
- c. Rochelle Siler – Voiced concerns regarding current standing of Wind Ordinance, also voiced concerns regarding current budget.
- d. Joel Hutfilz – Asked questions regarding police contract and maintaining Deputy Ryan Stockford.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 8:35 p.m. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk