

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

November 18, 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: Kirt Shields – Jonesfield Township/Village of Merrill Police Officer and Mark Gath – Police Board member and township resident

PERMITS: None

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments –Mark Gath announced that there will be a meeting held Wednesday night, November 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm, for the Merrill School Board Committee regarding possible bond proposal for next year. Looking at proposal for new school buses and roof repairs to name a few. It was also noted that the Jonesfield Township website was down today.
- III. Additions to Agenda –None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from the October 21, 2019 Board Meeting – It was noted that there were minor typographical errors that needed to be corrected. Motion was made by Treasurer Parker to approve with errors corrected. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- V. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$28,165.41, Trash Fund - \$44,316.71, Police Fund - \$27,136.78 and Water Fund - \$171,448.30.
  - b. Police Report – Officer Kirt Shields reported that since monitoring the traffic on the newly paved mile of South Meridian Road it appears that traffic speeds have slowed down and improved. Officer Shields discussed the situation with marijuana being present at the school. He is working on an ordinance to make students more accountable for their actions. Currently this is a civil infraction.

Would like to have something in place that would require possible community service as penalty.

- c. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim Gray reported on the following:
- Meridian Road complaint (Bennett) has been closed. Mrs. Bennett is now working on situation.
  - M-46 property located west of the Village, has been cleaned up and vehicles have been removed.
  - Steele Road motorcycle noise complaint – Jim has spoken with violator and suggested that he speak with his neighbors and try and come up with an agreement between themselves.
  - Campers Choice RV is now storing camper units at the Interstate Trailer site on M-46 while working with the owner on trailer sales.
  - Treasurer Parker noted to Jim Gray that she has received a complaint regarding property located on M-46 on the east end of the township, regarding unlicensed vehicles sitting on the property. Parker gave address to Jim – he will investigate the situation.
  - Jim also announced that he does have a report put together to present to the Planning Commission regarding the large trailer container units being used as storage units. Jim plans to present at the next Planning Commission meeting on December 4, 2019.

VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Trustee Nock reported that the next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2019, 6:00 pm. Will be working on reviewing the Master Plan.
- b. Police Board – Information previously noted in Section V (b).
- c. Waste Authority – Next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2019. Supervisor Tibbits is on the committee.
- d. Saga (GIS) – None.
- e. Municipal Water – None.

VII. Information Items:

- a. November 12 Police Officer Welcome Open House at 6:00 pm – Open house was held as a meet and greet for the new Jonesfield Township/Village of Merrill police officer. Not as big of a turnout as had been hoped for, but there was a conflict with the Merrill School Girls Volleyball Tournaments out of town that same night.

- b. December Board of Review on December 10 at 11:00 am – Supervisor Tibbits announced that at this point there has only been one Disabled Veteran request submitted to him. Any poverty request must appear in person at the board of review.
- c. March Board of Review Conflict with March 10, 2020 Primary Election. Supervisor Tibbits announced that there will be a conflict on the normal dates for the 2020 March Board of Review. The regularly scheduled date for the March Board of Review is also the date for the Primary Election and the hall will not be available for the Board of Review. He will be submitting a resolution to move the dates for the Board of Review to March 11 & 12, 2020 to the Board for approval at the next meeting.
- d. 2020 Elections – Filing Deadlines:
  - By 4:00 pm, April 21, 2020: Candidates for partisan office (township Office) file nominating petitions and Affidavit of Identity for August Primary.
  - By 4:00 pm, July 16, 2020: Candidates without political party affiliation (not running in primary) file qualifying petitions and Affidavit of Identity for November General Election
  - By 4:00 pm, July 24, 2020: Write-In candidates file Declaration of Intent for August Primary.

Supervisor Tibbits announced that he will not be running for re-election in the 2020 election. Asked the board members to keep in mind anyone that they felt might be interested in running for the supervisor position.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a) Roundtable for the good of the township: Trustee Nock announced that there have been only four organizations submit their requests to be benefactors from next year's Merrill CSC Auction. They are: The Merrill Robotics Group, The Merrill Golf Program, The Merrill Community Daycare and the Marion Springs Fire Fund.
- b) Auditor Letter: Supervisor Tibbits asked the board if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the letter from the auditor that was handed out at the last board meeting. Discussion was held on the position of the current budget for the township. Treasurer Parker also stated that she had received a letter from a Roy, Noye and Warren CPA regarding auditing services. Discussion was held with board members regarding hiring different auditors for the next year.

IX. Action Items:

- a) Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills presented.  
Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.
- X. Extended Public Comment – None.
- XI. Next Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 7:25 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock.  
Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk