

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

December 16, 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: Mark Gath – Police Board member and township resident and Rochelle Siler, township resident

PERMITS: None

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments –Mark Gath gave the board an update on the progress made on the Merrill Community School bond proposal for 2020.
- III. Additions to Agenda –None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from the November 18, 2019 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made note of the redundancy in Section VII(c) regarding the March Board of Review Conflict. Edits will be made to minutes. Treasurer Parker made a motion to approve minutes with this edit. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- V. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$35,352.33, Trash Fund - \$39,725.89, Police Fund - \$26,736.88 and Water Fund - \$171,461.88.
  - b. Police Report – Officer Kirt Shields is on vacation. Clerk Stanley reported that Officer Shields is still working on creating a Jonesfield Township Facebook page and continues to work on an ordinance regarding marijuana and the school penalties.
  - c. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim Gray reported on the following:
    - Meridian Road complaint (Bennett) – Mr. Bennett has moved back onto this property. Jim will keep track of activity on property.
- VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Trustee Nock reported on the December 4, 2019 meeting. Code Enforcement was not reviewed due to Jim Gray, Zoning Administrator was not in attendance for the meeting. The Commission did continue their work on updating Master Plan. Engineering options are being reviewed regarding the anticipated special use permit coming from DTE this spring are being explored.
- b. Police Board – No meeting
- c. Waste Authority – Supervisor Tibbits announced that new contract is in place between Waste Management and American Waste of Traverse City.
- d. Saga (GIS) – None.
- e. Municipal Water – None.

VII. Information Items:

- a. December Board of Review on December 10 at 11:00 a.m. – Supervisor Tibbits announced that they received 3 applications from Disabled Veterans. Two of the applications were approved – one failed.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a) Roundtable for the good of the township: Treasurer Parker presented a question to the board that was presented to her from a township resident regarding the road that runs between the Fleming and Clark residences just east of town on M-46. The question was whether it is in fact, a public road (Bartman Lane) or a private drive for the two residents. Discussion was held with the board members regarding this lane. Recommendation was made by board that the road commission should be contacted to get a final answer on this question.

IX. Action Items:

- a) Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills presented. General fund - \$11,747.89, Police - \$410.72, Trash - \$4,345.30; total bills - \$16,503.91. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.
- b) March Board of Review Conflict with March 10, 2020 Primary Election. Resolution to move to March 11 and March 12. – Resolution was presented to the board from Treasurer Parker to move the date of the March 2020 Board of Review to March 11, 2020. Seconded by Trustee Buckley. Roll call vote held by Clerk Stanley: Ayes – Tibbits, Clerk, Parker, Nock and Buckley. Nays – None. Carried.

X. Extended Public Comment – Resident Rochelle Siler presented her concern for the township’s general fund balance. Discussion was held on the status of the budget and the future of the township hall.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, January 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 7:00 p.m. Second by Trustee Buckley.  
Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk