

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

September 16, 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: Mark Gath – Police Board member, Jim Gray – Zoning Administrator and Emory Emery – Jonesfield Township Resident

PERMITS: Building Permit 13-19-J – Kurt Olsen; Building Permit 14-19-J – Jay Wale

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments – Mr. Emery had questions regarding property lines. He has a neighbor that he feels may be encroaching his property line. Jim Gray, Zoning Administrator suggested having a property survey done and then contact him if there are any questions regarding encroachments.
- III. Additions to Agenda – None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from the August 19, 2019 Board Meeting – Motion made by Treasurer Parker. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- V. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$77,905.82, Trash Fund - \$52,939.97, Police Fund - \$79,724.82 and Water Fund - \$195,341.73.
 - b. Police Report – Supervisor Tibbits announced that the finalization is being done on the contract between Richland Township, Jonesfield Township and the Village of Merrill. Officer Kirt Shields has been hired and will be starting training with the Richland Township soon – starting as the local officer October 1, 2019. It has been determined that the actual cost is going to be lower than originally discussed. Officer Shields' insurance costs are going to be lower than originally estimated.

- c. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim Gray announced that the M-46 property has been cleaned up and the abandoned vehicles have been removed from the property. The Meridian Road property owners will be receiving their final warning letter per Judge order. Jim also noted that a noise complaint has been received from neighbors from a property on Steele Road. Excessive motorcycle noise.

VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Next meeting will be held October 8, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The topics covered will be updating of the Master Plan and the continuation of updating of the Zoning Ordinances.
- b. Police Board – Information previously noted in Section V (b).
- c. Waste Authority – Discussion was held regarding the tax amount collected for waste for Jonesfield Township in comparison to rising costs for trash collection for the township. The cost of trash collection in 2020 will be \$149.21 per household in the township with the township currently collecting \$125 per household.
- d. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Tibbits attended the GIS meeting today. Informed board members that the Saginaw County website has been updated to be more user friendly. They are also continuing to update the tax information that is available on this website.
- e. Municipal Water – None.

VII. Information Items:

- a. Waste Authority 2020-2022 Recycling Contract Negotiations and Township Trash Increase. – This was covered at the same time as Section V (c).
- b. Air Conditioner Replacement – Supervisor Tibbits announced that the final air conditioner has been replaced by Dennis Richnak and the inspection has been completed.
- c. Meridian Road Billing – Supervisor Tibbits presented to the board members a copy of the bill received from the Saginaw County Road Commission for the final payment of the Meridian Road project; noting the over budget costs to finish this project. Supervisor Tibbits has spoken with members of the road commission regarding the balance due, explaining that Jonesfield Township is currently not in the position to be pay the full balance of amount owing. A formal letter was mailed to the Road Commission from Supervisor Tibbits explaining that the amount of \$33,000.00 (the approved budgeted amount) would be all that the township would be able to pay during this fiscal period. The remaining balance will have to reviewed during budget talks for the 2020/2021 budget workshop.

VIII. Discussion Items:

- a. Roundtable for the good of the township – Supervisor Tibbits announced that the Merrill Community Spirit Committee has reserved the hall again for next year’s annual Merrill CSC auction. He also mentioned that a discussion has been presented regarding the possibility of the township going into a joint venture with the Village of Merrill to make the township hall into a Community Center. The board members held a discussion about what they see is the future for the township hall. The hall continues to be a major expense for the township to continue to have available to the public for rentals.

IX. Action Items:

- a. 2020 Trash Rate Increase and Resolution - A resolution was presented to the board members for the increase of the 2020 trash and recycling assessment to be increased to \$137 per household. Roll call vote was held:
 - Ayes – Tibbits, Stanley, Parker, Nock and Buckley
 - Nays – None.

Supervisor Tibbits declared resolution adopted.

- b. Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills – General Fund - \$47,577.48, Police Fund - \$26,894.75, Trash Fund - \$4,346.05 and Water Fund - \$0.00. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

- X. Extended Public Comment – Clerk Stanley announced a reminder about the Jonesfield Lakefield Fire Department Open House tomorrow night, September 17, 2019 from 6 to 8 pm at the fire hall.

- XI. Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk