

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

January 21, 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

PERMITS: None

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments- None
- III. Additions to Agenda – None
- IV. Approval of minutes from December 17, 2018 Board Meeting – Trustee Buckley made a motion to approve meeting minutes with a clerical correction. Trustee Nock second. Carried.
- V. Reports:
 - a) Treasurer – General Fund - \$85,376.16; Trash Fund - \$39,086.42; Police Fund - \$15,246.66; Water Project Fund - \$120,620.56.
 - b) Police – None
- VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

Planning Commission – Trustee Nock reported the Commission met on January 8, 2019. They started reviewing the first three chapters of the Zoning Ordinance for updates. Jim Gray, Zoning Administration, attended the meeting and was able to answer questions that the Commission members had. The next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The agenda is to continue with reviewing chapters of the Zoning Ordinance and to start reviewing possible creation of a Marijuana Ordinance.

Police Board – Treasurer Parker reported that a meeting was held on January 7, 2019. Discussion was held about the cost benefit of having police coverage and the concern regarding the shortage in the Police Fund.

Waste Authority – None.

Saga (GIS) – None.

Municipal Water – None.

VII. Information Items:

- a) Meeting with Village and Sheriff Federspiel – Meeting was held with the attendance of representatives from the Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township regarding the current contract with the Saginaw County Sheriff's Office providing police coverage for the Village of Merrill and Jonesfield Township. Discussion was held on the concerns regarding pricing vs coverage, and the need for a new/different police vehicle.

VIII. Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Police Fund Shortage and July 3rd deadline for 90-day notice – Board Discussion – Supervisor Tibbits presented statistics regarding the number of paying customers for the police protection compared to the cost of police coverage for Jonesfield Township and the Village of Merrill. Discussion was held on value of coverage. Possible coverage from a different agency instead of Saginaw County Sheriff's Office was discussed. Maybe a possible meeting with Richland Township to discuss added coverage being supplied from their township should be held.
- b) Budget Workshop Scheduling for Board (February 22 last year) – Discussion was held on setting date for a Budget Workshop. Date was set at February 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- c) Budget Year to Date Review – Clerk Stanley passed out copies of the Year to Date Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual Report for board to review. Discussion was held on different line items. Clerk Stanley to do research for clarification on what is posted to a couple of the line items.
- d) Election Dates – 2019 Election dates have been posted by the Secretary of State Office. The May Election will be held on Tuesday, May 7th. Deadline date for the submitting of official ballot language is February 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Absentee Ballots are to be available for voters by March 23, 2019.
- e) Recreational Marijuana Ordinance (Continuing Discussion) –
 - f) March Board of Review Alternate Date Resolution – There is a conflict with the date for the March Board of Review. It has been requested that the board approve an alternate date for the Board of Review. The alternate date requested is March 13, 2019 for the first meeting date. A motion was made by

Treasurer Parker to make a resolution approving the alternate date for the March Board of Review to begin Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Second by Trustee Buckley. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tibbits, Parker, Stanley, Nock and Buckley

Nays: None

- g) Wind Energy Ballot Language Resolution – Our attorney, Mark Mahlberg, has written the ballot language needed for our May Election. The board members reviewed the written resolution with this language. A discussion was held on whether the correct title of the ordinance was listed on the resolution. This information will be double checked. A motion was made by Treasurer Parker to accept the resolution with the correct title. Second by Trustee Nock. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Tibbits, Parker, Stanley, Nock and Buckley

Nays: None.

- h) Road Millage Ballot Language Resolution – The written resolution with the ballot language for the Road Millage Request for the May Election was reviewed by the board. Trustee Nock made a motion to accept resolution. Second by Trustee Buckley. Roll call vote:

Ayes: Tibbits, Parker, Stanley, Nock and Buckley

Nays: None.

- i) Roundtable for the good of the Township -

X, Action Items:

- a) Motion to Pay Bills – General Fund - \$53,361.11, Police Fund - \$677.45, Trash Fund - \$4,029.32, Water Project Fund - \$0.00. Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

IX. Extended Public Comment – None.

X. Next Meeting: Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 8:32 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley

Jonesfield Township Clerk