

Jonesfield Township Special Board Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2019

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the Special Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Parker and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comments – None

III. Additions to Agenda – None

IV. Discussion/Action Items:

- a) Recent History of Voter Participation on May 7, 2019 (Are Village Residents allowed to vote on the Wind Ordinance Amendment or Road Millage) – Supervisor Tibbits presented new information that has come to light regarding the participation of Village of Merrill residents in the May 7, 2019 election. Questions and discussion with the board members followed.
- b) Township Legal Representation Options – Supervisor Tibbits presented the issue regarding the township’s current legal representation and the concerns that he has had with the promptness of legal responses to issues that have been submitted to legal counsel for review. Tibbits feels that it may be time to examine our options for hiring new legal counsel. Discussion was held by the board members.
- c) Second Opinion Proposal from Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes (Board Vote to Authorize) – Because of concerns, a second opinion is desirable on the issue of who is eligible to vote on the wind and road ballot issues. Supervisor Tibbits presented a second opinion proposal from Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes, a legal firm located in Okemos, Michigan to prepare this second opinion on the ballot language already created and on the issue of who can lawfully vote. Motion made by Trustee Buckley to approve engaging with Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes Law Offices. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

- d) Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes Long Term Proposal – Supervisor Tibbits has asked Fahey Schulz Burzych Rhodes Law Firm to submit a long-term proposal to be legal counsel for Jonesfield Township. No proposal has been received at this time from the law firm.
- e) Discussion – Recreational Marijuana Ordinance – Due to the number of inquiries received regarding the position that Jonesfield Township is taking regarding recreational marijuana, Supervisor Tibbits presented some information regarding the ordinances that have been passed by other townships and a discussion was held on the board’s overall feelings regarding this position. Paperwork presented will be reviewed by board members and discussions will be held again at the next regular township board meeting.

V. Extended Public Comment – None

VI. Next Meeting – Monday, February 18, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 pm. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk