

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

February 24, 2020

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: Ruby Aker- Merrill Farm Fest Chairperson, Jan Wazny – Village of Merrill Clerk, Larry Fleming – Jonesfield Township Assessor, Kirt Shields – Jonesfield Township/Village of Merrill Police Officer, Mark Gath – Merrill School Board member & Jonesfield Resident and Rochelle Siler – Jonesfield Township resident.

PERMITS: Mechanical Permit – 01-20-J (Morrison), Electrical Permit – 01-20-J (Morrison)

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comments –

- a. Ruby Aker, Merrill Farm Fest Chair, gave us an update on the upcoming Merrill Farm Fest. Discussion was held on the changes and improvements that are going to be at this year's event. Next meeting for the Farm Fest is scheduled for March 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. at the Jonesfield/Lakefield Fire Hall.
- b. Mark Gath, Merrill School Board Member, announced that there will be a representative from the Merrill School Board at the March Board Meeting to discuss the upcoming bond proposal that is on the ballot for the May Election.
- c. Jan Wazny, Village of Merrill Clerk, discussed the new police contract and the current assessments for police coverage.

III. Additions to Agenda –None.

IV. Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2020 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to approve minutes. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried.

V. Reports:

- a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$31,280.07, Trash Fund - \$31,195.52, Police Fund - \$6,502.91 and Water Fund - \$185,653.35.
 - b. Police Report – Officer Shields reported that he has been doing a few house checks for people out of town; making school visits with the students and has finally finished with the computer set up at the Village sub-station.
 - c. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – No report.
- VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:
- a. Planning Commission – Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020.
 - b. Waste Authority – Supervisor Tibbits reported that they announced at the last meeting that glass would again be acceptable in resident’s recycling.
 - c. Saga (GIS) – None.
 - d. Municipal Water – None.
- VII. Information Items:
- a. February 27, 2020 Budget Workshop – Supervisor Tibbits distributed an agenda for the February 27th Budget Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Tibbits also distributed to all board members a letter from Larry Fleming, Assessor, requesting a per parcel pay increase. This also included a study done on the current rates other townships in our area are paying. Tibbits ask members to review for discussion to follow at the budget workshop.
 - b. Road Information – Supervisor Tibbits discussed a meeting he had with the Saginaw County Road Commission members discussing the remaining balance Jonesfield Township owes on the Meridian Road project. It was agreed that if the township is willing to budget for one new small project in next fiscal year’s budget that they would forgive the remaining balance owing on the Meridian Road project.
- VIII. Discussion Items:
- a. Additional Engineering Firms Contract: CMS&M and OHM – Supervisor Tibbits distributed a copy of the bid received from OHM Advisors regarding the upcoming anticipated special use permit to be submitted by DTE for the wind park. Discussion was held regarding their options. Decision would be up to planning commission.
 - b. Roundtable for the Good of the Township – none.

IX. Action Items:

- a) Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to pay bills presented. General fund - \$26,461.71, Police - \$477.91, Trash - \$4,311.94; total bills - \$31,251.56. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

X. Extended Public Comment – None.

XI. Next Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 7:05p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk