

# Jonesfield Township 2019 Summer Newsletter

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### **TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION**

The community in which you live is organized under a township form of government. The administration is placed in the hands of the township board, comprised of the supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees which you elect to office.

### **TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS**

The regular monthly meetings are held the third Monday of each month. From November through April the meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. From May through October the meetings start at 7:00 p.m. Come and participate in your township's business. These meetings and any changes are posted on the township office window bulletin board and on Jonesfield.com.

### **JULY BOARD OF REVIEW**

The July Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in the township office. Michigan statute allows review of qualified disabled veterans, property tax exemptions and correction of any errors brought to the Board of Reviews attention. Taxpayers will be heard on a first come first serve basis.

### **TOWNSHIP OFFICE DROP BOX**

For your convenience, a drop box is located just outside the township office door on the east side of the building (Eddy Street) for any items directed to the township.

### **TREASURER INFORMATION**

The Treasurer will be collecting taxes in her home according to the following schedule at 540 Doehring Street in Merrill. All dates except September 24<sup>th</sup> are Mondays. If sending your taxes by mail, please send the bottom portion of your tax bill to the Treasurer and keep the top portion for your records with the date and check number noted on it. When paying by mail send to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 5, Merrill, Michigan 48637.

July	8	1:00-5:00
July	22	1:00-5:00
August	5	1:00-5:00
August	19	1:00-5:00
September	9	1:00-5:00
September	23	9:00-5:00

You can also call for an appointment at 643-5255 if the above date and times are not convenient.

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*Qualified persons for tax deferment must remember to fill out the forms every year and return them to the Treasurer as soon as possible.*

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

The Planning Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:00 p.m. at the township office. If you are contemplating a change in the use of your property, consult Dick Bluemer, Chairman of the Planning Commission at 643-5211.

**JONESFIELD-LAKEFIELD FIRE PROTECTION**

In case of fire, call 911. Burn permits are available by calling 737-4920. There is no cost.

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

If you are planning a new building, building modification, plumbing or electrical change a township permit is needed and can be obtained from George Kipfmiller, Township Building Inspector at 860-5958.

Septic and well permits are obtained at the Saginaw County Health Department, 1600 N. Michigan Avenue, Saginaw 758-3830.

**VOTING**

Jonesfield Township has one precinct for voting and it is at the township hall. Register with Marcia Stanley, Township Clerk at 860-9117.

**TOWNSHIP HALL RENTAL**

The hall is available to rent for weddings, parties, reunions, etc. For rental information call or text 989-327-8831 or by visiting Jonesfield.com for rates, contract, event calendar and sample setups.

**LIBRARY**

Merrill District Library hours are: Monday and Wednesday, 11 to 6; Tuesday and Thursday, 11 to 4:30; closed Friday and Sunday; Saturdays (October to May) 11 to 1.

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**2018 RECYCLING DATES**

January 14, 18	February 11, 25	March 11, 25
April 8, 22	May 6, 20	June 3, 17
July 1, 15, 29	August 12, 26	September 9, 23
October 7, 21	November 4, 18	December 2, 16, 30

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This newsletter and additional information such as meeting agendas and minutes are available by visiting Jonesfield.com or by calling or texting Larry Tibbits, Supervisor at 989-327-8831.

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERVISOR**

Recycling – The increasing cost and future contract decisions continue to be the topic at the Mid Michigan Board of Trustees meetings. The collection costs remain relatively stable but the cost of processing the materials collected is quickly becoming a major decision issue for the 33 communities that are members of the Authority. The current contract expires at the end of 2019 and member organizations must decide to stay in the recycling program or get out. The cost impact for Jonesfield Township residents could rise to \$XXX per household per year from the current \$152.00 per year. (We currently collect \$125.00 per year from our residents but difference is currently subsidized from Township operating funds.)

Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer from the Mid Michigan Waste Authority that further explains the issue and some of the causes.

Each month on Jonesfield.com we address a specific item that either can be or can not be put out for recycling. We also have a link to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority for a complete list of recyclable items and contact information.

If you have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 989-327-8831.

Chapin Road Bridge – The contract has been awarded to the contractor and they are expected to begin work on XXXXXX with a completion date of XXXXXXXXX. The contractor expects the specially made corrugated steel box culvert to take XX weeks for delivery.

Meridian Road Paving – At this writing, the top coarse of the pavement has been placed and the only work remaining is shoulder material and minor driveway work.