

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2021

- PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, Glazier and Stanley
- ABSENT: None
- GUESTS: Danielle Briggs, New Jonesfield Township Deputy Clerk and Rochelle Siler, Jonesfield Township resident
- PERMITS: Copy of permits issued given to board members
- I. Pledge of Allegiance
 - II. Public Comment – None.
 - III. Call to Order of the Jonesfield Township Regular board meeting – Supervisor Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
 - IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
 - V. Approval of meeting minutes from October 18, 2021 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Treasurer Parker second. Carried.
 - VI. Reports:
 - Treasurer – General Fund - \$159,281.72, Trash Fund - \$38,827.91, Police Fund - \$81,014.36, Water Fund - \$209,987.90, and Wind Energy Fund - \$24,896.22.
 - Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – No report – Copy of the permits issued report from Jim Gray was given to the board members for their review.
 - VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
 - a. Planning Commission – None.
 - b. Waste Authority – Trustee Glazier announced to the board that the MMWA will be holding their Annual Christmas Lights Recycling program again this year. Poster with the locations and dates was given to Trustee Glazier to post on our bulletin board and website.
 - c. Saga (GIS) – None.
 - VIII. Informational Items:

- Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – This litigation is ongoing. As of today, no court date has been set.
- Supervisor Brown will be soliciting a list of names from the township residents who may be interested in filling these seats before making any decisions – Supervisor Brown stated that he has only received one name so far from the posting on the Jonesfield Township website regarding filling the open positions on the Planning Commission and also the Zoning Board of Appeals. Supervisor Brown will be contacting Beverly Glazier to have posted on the Jonesfield/Lakefield Facebook page.

IX. Discussion Items:

Discussion around the Fire Department funding and millage assessment – Trustee Glazier presented the board members with information regarding the current fire department millage assessment and other local township's millage amounts.

Discussion was held by the board on:

- How did we get to the 3.75 millage level?
- How long is this millage effective? When will it need to be renewed?
- What action is required by the board to assess less than the full millage?
- What level of fund balance is appropriate for the Fire District?
- Why is our millage rate significantly higher than every other township in this area?

Discussion was also held regarding requesting a Spending and Budget Plan from the Fire Board for future fiscal years, prior to the Annual Fire Board Meeting. Discussion was also held regarding a possible meeting with the Lakefield Township Board to discuss this topic further.

- Roundtable for the good of the township – None.

X. Action Items:

- a) Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$62,671.41; Trash Fund - \$4,941.27; Police Fund - \$23,634.75; Wind Energy Fund - \$9,504.00; Water Fund - \$0.00. Total bills paid equal - \$100,751.43. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.
- b) Decision on who can sign the loan renewal papers at the bank – The township's remodeling loan at Mercantile Bank has come up for renewal. The loan was set up on a 5-year balloon format and it has reached it's 5-year maturity. This loan is now going to be on it's final 5 years. Mercantile Bank needs an approval from the board as to who will be authorized to sign the renewal documents. Motion was made by Treasurer Parker for Supervisor Brown and Clerk Stanley to be the authorized board members to sign the renewal paperwork at Mercantile Bank. Second by Trustee

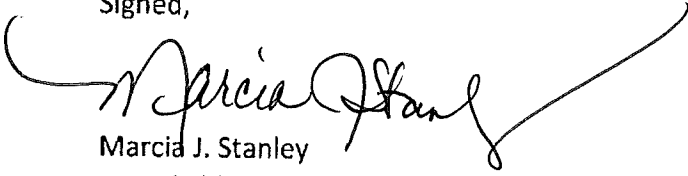
- Nock. Carried. It was also agreed by the board members to continue the payment plan for this loan at the current rate of \$440.00 biweekly. This will actually have the loan paid off earlier than five years. Clerk Stanley will ask bank for an amortization schedule reflecting this payment plan.
- c. Decision on the Consumers Energy Franchise agreement/Ordinance - Jonesfield Township's Franchise agreement with Consumers Energy will be expiring on February 6, 2022 and they have asked for Jonesfield Township to renew this agreement. This agreement allows Consumers to serve gas to the Jonesfield Township residents and businesses. Discussion was held by board and it was agreed to renew the agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Parker to approve the updated Franchise Ordinance. Second by Trustee Nock. Roll call vote called by Clerk Stanley. Ayes: Glazier, Parker, Brown, Nock and Stanley. Nays: None. Carried.
 - d. Resolution to increase Trash millage due to current shortfall – Supervisor Brown presented board members with a proposed Solid Waste Household Assessment Increase Resolution. This resolution is being requested due to the shortage the township is going occur due to the current per household assessment is less than the current charges being assessed to the township. A motion was made by Trustee Glazier to approve the resolution to increase the per household assessment of \$137.00 to \$150.00 per household. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll call vote called by Clerk Stanley. Ayes: Glazier, Parker, Brown, Nock and Stanley. Nays: none. Carried.
 - e. Resolution to assign Constituent member and alternate to Waste Authority – Mid Michigan Waste Authority (MMWA) is requesting for the update of the 2022 Member Information for Jonesfield Township. Discussion was held by the board members regarding who would be the new Constituent and Alternate Members of the MMWA. After discussion, Clerk Stanley made a motion to name Trustee Glazier as the Constituent Member and Trustee Nock as the Alternate Member of the MMWA. Second by Treasurer Parker. Roll call vote called by Clerk Stanley. Ayes: Glazier, Parker, Brown, Nock and Stanley. Carried.
 - f. Resolution addressing tax property on M-46 – Jonesfield Township was contacted by the County of Saginaw regarding the property located at 22285 Gratiot Road in Jonesfield Township. This property was not sold at the mandatory yearly auction and reverts back to the township in which the property is located unless the township gives a written rejection. A resolution is required by Saginaw County to reject the property. Discussion was held by the board members and it was decided that the township is not interested in acquiring this property. A motion was made by Treasurer Parker to complete resolution objecting to the transfer of this property back to Jonesfield Township. Second by Clerk Stanley. Roll call vote called by Clerk Stanley. Ayes: Glazier, Parker, Brown, Nock and Stanley. Carried.

XI. Extended Public Comment – None.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, December 20, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Nock to adjourn meeting at 7:55 p.m. Second by Trustee Glazier.
Carried.

Signed,



Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk