

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2022

PRESENT: Brown, Stanley, Nock and Foye

ABSENT: Parker

GUESTS: Larry and Dianne Fleming, Jonesfield Township residents; Scott Crofoot, Building & Zoning Administrator; Mark Gath, Jonesfield Township Planning Commission Chair; Delynn Wenzel and Carlos Sanchez, Village of Merrill representatives

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment – None.
- III. Call to Order of the Jonesfield Township Board meeting – Supervisor Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – Supervisor Brown requested to add to the discussion items the repairing of the sidewalks to the hall. Also change line item in Action Items #2 to read – Approval of MMWA resolution to approve new contract with MMWA.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from the September 19, 2022 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Supervisor Brown second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurers Report - General Fund - \$134,900.31; Trash Fund - \$43,760.10; Police Fund - \$58,203.58; Water Fund - \$296,137.48; ARPA Fund - \$86,996.98; Wind Energy Fund - \$11,723.22. Treasurer’s Report made by Clerk Stanley in the absence of Treasurer Parker. Motion made by Trustee Nock to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Second by Supervisor Brown. Carried.
 - b. Zoning and Code Enforcement – Scott Crofoot presented a monthly report to the board of the permits issued. One mechanical permit issued. Scott also discussed the current zoning issues he is having with residents and the letters sent.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)

- a. Planning Commission – Mark Gath, Chairperson reported that the Commission is looking at possible meeting date changes so that Scott Crofoot, Zoning Administrator, could also attend the PC meetings. Scott currently has a conflict with the meeting schedule.
- b. Waste Authority – Trustee Foye reported that the new contract resolutions were approved and sent out to the townships for approval.
- c. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Brown reported that at the last meeting the new board members were voted on. Discussion was also held on adding cemetery information to the website. Brown stated that there was a lot of questions and concerns regarding this project.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown reported there is no new updates on this litigation at this time.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Village of Merrill discussion around Internet access for the Village Park to allow cameras to be installed for security reasons (Village reps will be present) – Delynn Wenzel and Carlos Sanchez spoke to the board regarding a project they are working on for the Village Park. They have been running into problems with vandalism at the Village Park and are looking into adding security cameras on the park. They are looking at security cameras that would run on Wi-Fi. Their question to the board was if the township would be willing to let the Village have access to the township Wi-Fi to run their cameras. Discussion was held by the board and Village reps regarding whether our Wi-Fi would be strong enough outside of the building to run the cameras. Delynn is going to do some more investigating. The Village is just starting to do research on this project.
- b. Review the paperwork for our 2021-2022 audit – Board members just received the paperwork regarding the audit so this was tabled for now. Will review at next board meeting.
- c. Sidewalk Repairs – Supervisor Brown stated that he had spoken with a company that does the process of raising sidewalks back up to level with the other sidewalk. They are going to write up a proposal and submit it to Brown. Discussion was held on whether we would need a second proposal, and if so, who would we get that from.
- d. Roundtable for the good of the township – None.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay the bills: General Fund - \$14,433.32; Police Fund - \$24,271.43; Trash Fund - \$5,046.93; ARPA Fund - \$0.00; Wind Energy Fund - \$169.00; Water

Fund – 36,491.34. Total bills - \$80,412.02. Clerk Stanley made motion for bills to be paid. Trustee Foye second. Carried.

- b. Approval of MMWA resolution to approve new contract with MMWA – Motion was made by Supervisor Brown to accept the updated MMWA Member Agreement commencing January 1, 2023. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried. Clerk Stanley to forward signed resolution to MMWA.
- c. Approval of Resolution to raise the special assessment for trash and recycling – No resolution was approved. After further research with Saginaw County Equalization, the resolution previously approved by the board on November 22, 2021 was never put into place. The increase in this resolution will now be going into effect on the 2022 Winter Tax bill. A second increase cannot be approved for one year.
- d. Approval of Resolution to raise the special assessment for Police Protection – A new resolution was presented by Supervisor Brown to assess an increase for trash and recycling service. This increase will be from \$135.00 to \$148.50 annually. Motion was made by Supervisor Brown to accept this resolution. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.

- XI. Extended Public Comment- Mark Gath asked questions regarding the term of the police contract. Discussion was held regarding the police contract.

Supervisor Brown made board members and attendees aware of the information he received regarding the taxing on the wind turbines. He was given updated information about the classification of the turbines and how that effects the taxing.

- XII. Next Meeting: Monday, November 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
- XIII. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 8:03 p.m. Second by Trustee Foye. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk