

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2021

PRESENT: Brown, Nock, Parker, and Stanley

ABSENT: Glazier

GUESTS: Mark Gath – Planning Commission Chair, Jason Hannath – DTE Representative, Leroy Asher, Ryan Smith – Gemini Capital Management, Steve Jonas – Saginaw Futures, Larry Fleming and Rochelle Siler, Jonesfield Township residents

PERMITS: None.

- 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 7:00 p.m.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from September 20, 2021 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes with the corrections requested by Trustee Glazier via email. Treasurer Parker second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$151,049.09, Trash Fund - \$43,428.28, Police Fund - \$81,296.21, Water Fund - \$248,770.40, and Wind Energy Fund - \$32,651.22.
 - b. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – No report.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
 - a. Planning Commission – None.
 - b. Waste Authority – None.
 - c. Saga (GIS) – None.
- VIII. Informational Items:
 - a. Results of Administrative Review filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown informed board that the review request was rescinded by Rochelle Siler.

- b. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown informed board that at this time we are waiting for court date to be scheduled.
- c. Derek Painter has resigned from the Planning Commission due to personal reasons – Supervisor Brown announced to the board that Derek Painter has resigned from serving on the Planning Commission. Brown will be accepting inquires from interested parties to replace Derek.
- d. Roger Poscal has passed away leaving an empty seat on the ZBA as an alternate – Supervisor Brown informed the board that he will be looking for a replacement for an alternate member for the Zoning Board of Appeals due to the passing of Roger Poscal.
- e. 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 – Discussion was held about ways to get this information out to the residents. It was suggested to have it placed on the township website for residents to see.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Moving the November regular meeting of the board to November 22 instead of November 15 due to this being the first day of the Michigan deer season - Supervisor Brown make a request to the board to move the November regular meeting date to November 22, 2021 – he is going to be out of town due to the opening day of deer hunting season. Motion was made by Clerk Stanley to move said meeting date to November 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- b. Discussion around what the future fire millage imposed by the townships to determine recommendations to the fire board.

X. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$10,270.07; Trash Fund - \$4,600.37; Police Fund - \$282.00; Wind Energy Fund - \$7,755.00; Water Fund - \$38,251.50. Total bills paid equal \$61,158.94. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.
- b. Consider the request from Ryan Smith – Gemini Capital Management for the Brownfield Resolution for the downtown property he is redeveloping in the Village – Ryan Smith – Gemini Capital Management, presented the board with a request to approve a resolution to place the property of the old high school on the corner of Eddy and Saginaw Streets into a Brownfield Project. Mr. Smith explained to the board what this will do and how it will help with the development of this property. Motion was made by Supervisor Brown to approve the Brownfield resolution. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried.

c. Address the Resolution solidifying Zoning Administrator control for purposes of the Meridian Wind Farm Project from Jim Gray to Spicer Engineering – Supervisor Brown informed the board that this is null because Spicer’s declined from accepting this agreement.

XI. Extended Public Comment –

Rochelle Siler stated to the board that she felt that her right to due process of the Administrative Review she filed was not met. She stated numerous dates of contact she had with Jim Gray – Jonesfield Township Zoning Administrator, many with no response back to her in a timely manner. Rochelle stated that she feels that her Administrative Review was not scheduled within the time period that is required. Supervisor Brown stated that it was scheduled within the required time period once the correct filing fee was received by Rochelle. Rochelle also questioned why the board was making this the responsibility of Jim Gray.

Jason Hannath – DTE Representative, stated that he was excited to hear about the new businesses coming into the Village of Merrill.

Mark Gath – mentioned that he had spoken with Jacob Polzin, Jonesfield Township police officer, regarding being present at the schools at school release time. Discussion was also held by the board about him building relationships at the school by being present at the schools during lunch times also.

XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 22, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Treasurer Parker to adjourn meeting at 7:45 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk