

# Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

October 19, 2020

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

PRESENT: Tibbits, Nock, Parker, Glazier, and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Ruth Coppens – Zoning Board Chair, Larry Fleming – Jonesfield Township Assessor, Jacob Polzin – Jonesfield/Village of Merrill Police Officer, Stanley Brown - Jonesfield Township resident.

PERMITS: None.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment – None.
- III. Addition to Agenda – Supervisor Tibbits stated that there will be an addition to the agenda regarding the Jonesfield Township Police Board Appointments. Adding to Discussion Items VIII(e).
- IV. Approval of minutes from September 21, 2020 Board Meeting – Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to accept meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Glazier. Carried.
- V. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$70,797.18, Trash Fund - \$48,286.33, Police Fund - \$43,041.82, Water Fund - \$199,670.80, and Wind Energy Fund - \$124,478.50
  - b. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Supervisor Tibbits read the written report that was submitted by Jim Gray in his absence.
  - c. Police – Officer Jacob Polzen discussed situation regarding a stolen vehicle from Kenny Brothers. Both suspects have been apprehended – one being a juvenile from Merrill Schools. Officer Polzen also mentioned that the number of car/deer accidents has been on an increase.

- VI. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
- a. Planning Commission – October 13, 2020 meeting was held. Mike Kenny was voted as the new Vice-Chair for the Planning Commission. The amendment of the By-laws and the Conflict of Interest Clause have been tabled till the November 12, 2020 meeting. Planning Commission will review the Special Use Permit for the Wind Project at the November 12, 2020 meeting. Fahey and Spicers are reviewing plans. Building permits will be the next step to the Wind Project. Township Board members were given a copy of the amended 2020 Master Plan that was approved during the October 6, 2020 rescheduled Planning Commission Meeting with resolution 2020-004 passed by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on October 13, 2020 signed by Chair and Secretary to adopt the amended Master Plan. This resolution to become part of the Township Board meeting minutes. The next ZBA meeting will be held October 29, 2020.
  - b. Waste Authority – Zoom meeting was held Thursday, September 24, 2020. Discussed their successful All in One Drop Off Days. Held four days by appointment.
  - c. Saga (GIS) – None.
- VII. Informational Items
- a. DTE Property Line Variance Appeal – DTE is requesting variances on 24 of the turbines in the submitted Wind Project permit. The ZBA will be reviewing these variances for approval at the October 29, 2020 meeting. November 12, 2020 the Special Use Permit will be reviewed.
- VIII. Discussion Items:
- a. Upcoming Presidential Election Report – Marcia – Clerk Stanley announced that the current number of Absentee Ballot requests has increased since August election. Currently over 300 Absentee Ballots have been requested.
  - b. ZBA Alternate Recommendation – Supervisor Tibbits discussed the need for alternates for the ZBA in the situation the ZBA board members would need to abstain from voting due to a possible conflict of interest. Supervisor Tibbits made the recommendations of John Siler and Roger Poscal as alternates. Trustee Nock made the motion to accept these recommendations of alternates. Clerk Stanley seconded. Carried.
  - c. Office 365 for Planning Commission Secretary – Supervisor Tibbits made a recommendation for the board to approve that the Planning Commission Secretary be able to purchase Office 365 for her personal computer. The Planning Commission Secretary has a lot of items that she needs to compose and email to the various Planning Commission members and having those items in

Word would make it easier for the other board members to be able to open and print. Board members agreed to approve this purchase. Planning Commission Secretary Nock will make purchase and submit a receipt for reimbursement.

- d. Roundtable for the good of the township – None.
- e. Police Board Appointments – Supervisor Tibbits made the board aware that the terms of the Police Board members are maturing. Supervisor Tibbits made the motion to reappoint Mildred Parker and Mark Gath to the Police Board. Trustee Glazier seconded. Carried.

IX. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made motion to pay bills – General Fund - \$11,977.64, Police Fund - \$149.00, Trash Fund - \$4,403.65, Water Fund - \$41,456.00, Wind Energy Fund - \$23,182.31. Total bills equaling \$81,168.60. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.
- b. PA 116 Resolution for Continuation of Preservation Agreement – Supervisor Tibbits presented a proposed resolution to the board regarding the preserving of the PA 116 to the property owned by Lee and Beverlee Glazier. A special use permit has been granted to the Glazier’s for the extraction of sand from their property, but they would like to keep this property in the PA 116 program. Clerk Stanley seconded this resolution. Roll call vote was held by Clerk Stanley. Ayes: Tibbits, Nock, Parker, and Stanley. Nays – None. Trustee Glazier abstained from vote.
- c. Office 365 Purchase – Board had approved the Planning Commission Secretary, Kathy Nock, to make purchase of needed Office 365 and submit receipt to Clerk for reimbursement.
- d. ZBA Appointment – Motion was made earlier in meeting. Approval already made.

X. Extended Public Comment – None.

XI. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 7:52 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk