

## Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2021

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

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Mark Gath – Planning Commission Chair, Jacob Polzin – Jonesfield Twp/Village of Merrill Deputy, Jim Gray – Building and Zoning Administrator, 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 – Supervisor Brown requested to have added to the Information Items – Village of Merrill Brownfield Project requests.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from August 23, 2021 Board Meeting – Trustee Nock made a motion to accept the meeting minutes. Treasurer Parker second. Carried.
- VI. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$109,327.88, Trash Fund - \$48,435.51, Police Fund - \$81,547.21, Water Fund - \$218,998.38, and Wind Energy Fund - \$2,988.22.
  - b. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim informed the board that a letter was mailed to the owners of the property at the east end of town on M-46 regarding the unlicensed vehicles in the yard.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
  - a. Planning Commission – None.
  - b. Waste Authority – None.
  - c. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Brown reported that at the last SAGA meeting the election of officers was held. He also reported that the aerial maps have been

updated on the SAGA site. Discussion was held regarding Flood Plains – no property in Jonesfield Township is listed in a flood plain.

- d. Police Report – Deputy Polzin reported that there have been electronic speed trackers placed on the north and south ends of town on Merrill Road. They are only temporary, but seem to have slowed traffic down.

VIII. Informational Items:

- a. Status of Litigation against the Township filed by Rochelle Siler – Supervisor Brown updated the board on the status of the lawsuit pending against the township.
- b. Notice of a request for an Administrative Review filed by Rochelle Siler – Discussion was held regarding the status of this review.
- c. Notification of approval of an award from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARCPA)– Supervisor Brown reported that the township has been notified that they have been approved to receive \$87,712.00 from the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The next step will be for the board to discuss what options we have for using the funds.
- d. Update on Meridian Wind Park – Supervisor Brown reported that all parts have been delivered for the wind turbines and the temporary cement plant has been removed. They have also started repairs to the road corners that they had placed temporary access routes on.
- e. Supervisor Brown reported to the board about the Village of Merrill meeting he attended previous to this meeting regarding the Brownfield Project applications that the Village has received for the upcoming coffee shop that is going to be located in the old Schwind and Kalahar building downtown and also for the apartment complex that is due to go into the old school building just east of the library. The old school building is going to house 17 apartment units. The Brownfield project locks in their SEV values for 10 years – giving the owners time to make necessary updates and cleaning up of property. The Village of Merrill has approved this application. This application will also need to be approved by Jonesfield Township. We should be receiving information soon.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Roundtable for the good of the township – Discussion was held regarding the hall’s roof leak. Treasurer Parker made a suggestion to see if the fire department would be willing to help out on trying to find where the leak is actually coming from by having them spray water on the roof in different locations. Supervisor Brown stated he would check into this.
- b. Trustee Glazier made a request to have an item added to our November agenda regarding a review of the fire department millage and the growing fund balance.

- X. Action Items:
  - a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made a motion to pay bills of General Fund - \$19,162.79; Trash Fund - \$5,007.57; Police Fund - \$251.00; and Wind Energy Fund - \$10,337.00. Total bills paid equal \$34,758.36. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried.
  
- XI. Extended Public Comment –Rochelle Siler had questions regarding the Administrative Review of the Zoning Board of Appeals status and also questions regarding the fees for this review. Discussion was held on this topic.
  
- XII. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

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

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk