

Jonesfield Township Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2025

PRESENT: Brown, Clark, Swarthout, Nock, Parker, Foye

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Scott Crofoot, Building and Zoning Administrator; Mark Gath, Planning Commission Chair

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Call to Order of the Jonesfield Township Board meeting – Supervisor Brown called the regular board meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- III. Public Comment – None.
- IV. Additions to Agenda – None.
- V. Approval of meeting minutes from July 21, 2025 Board Meeting. Trustee Nock made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Second by Trustee Foye. Carried.
- VI. Reports: Julys paper from Dannielle....
 - a. Treasurers Report – General Fund -\$489,359.26; Trash Fund - \$72,603.34; Police Fund – 80,963.66; Water Fund - \$165,129.58; Wind Energy Fund - \$14,876.47; Money Market - \$79,267.85
 - b. Scott Crofoot – 1 Building permit issued for the month of July.
- VII. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS) – Mark Gath suggested an ordinance be put in place for a battery storage facility.
- VIII Informational Items:
 - a.) The new fire truck has been delivered, and training has begun.

Discussion Items

- a. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a building to be utilized as the township office.
- b. Discussion regarding issues being encountered with our current accounting firm.
- c. Board members are needed for the planning commission, along with other board positions. Contact Supervisor Brown if interested.
- d. Roundtable for the good of the township – None.

VIII. Action Items:

- a. Motion to pay bills was made by Supervisor Brown. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- b. Adjustments discussed at July's board meeting were addressed by Treasurer Swarthout and do not need to be adjusted.
- c. Motion to accept the resolution to charge a fee of \$15 for a zoning permit. Roll Call vote by Clerk Clark. Yays: 5 Nays: None.
- d. Motion to allow Supervisor Brown and Planning Commission Chair, Mark Gath to pursue legal assistance in writing a battery ordinance for the Township. Motion by Supervisor Brown, second by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- e. Motion to allow Supervisor Brown to proceed with a purchase agreement to purchase the office of Dr. Jeffrey Green at 149 Midland St., Merrill, MI for \$65,000 (sixty-five thousand dollars). Purchase agreement to include right of inspection of said property. Roll Call vote by Clerk Clark. Yays: 5 Nays: None.
- f. Motion was made by Supervisor Brown for Jonesfield township to set a moratorium in place regarding the battery energy storage systems until such time as an ordinance is put in place. Second by Treasurer Swarthout. Carried.

IX. Extended Public Comment – Mark Gath questioned Treasurer Swarthout regarding the reason for the overpayment of tax money to the schools. Inaccurate figures were provided to Treasurer Swarthout. Repayment is expected.

XIII Next Meeting: Monday, September 15, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

XIV Adjourn: Motion made by Supervisor Brown to adjourn meeting at 8:06 p.m. Second by Trustee Foye. Carried.

Signed,

Kari Clark

Jonesfield Township Clerk