

## Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

July 20, 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, and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jim Gray – Zoning Administrator, Richard Bluemer – Planning Commission Chair, Ruth Coppens – Zoning Board member, Mark Gath – Planning Commission Member, Lee Glazier and Rochelle Siler – Jonesfield Township residents, and three unknown persons present.

PERMITS: Building Permit 08-20-J (Lee Glazier). Building Permit 07-20-J (Wm Gager, Jr), Water Permit W-76 (Jeremy Wunsch) and Mechanical Permit 04-20-J (Taylor.)

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Trustee resignation approval – Supervisor Tibbits announced the written resignation from Trustee Justin Buckley. Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to accept resignation. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Vacant trustee appointment and oath of office – Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to appoint interim trustee Lee Glazier to fill vacancy till November 2020 Election. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Tibbits, Parker, Nock and Stanley. Nays – none. Interim Trustee Glazier sworn in by Supervisor Tibbits.

Also sworn in by Supervisor Tibbits was Mark Gath as Planning Commission member.

- III. Public Comment – None.
- IV. Approval of minutes from June 15, 2020 Board Meeting – Motion made by Treasurer Parker to accept meeting minutes. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.
- V. Reports:

- a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$97,272.05, Trash Fund - \$61,760.79, Police Fund - \$84,011.02, Water Fund - \$195,044.40 and Wind Fund - \$141,025.00.
  - b. Police Report – Supervisor Tibbits announced the departure of Office Shields, our current officer provided by Richland Township contract. Interviews are being held on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> by Jack Doyle - Richland Township Police Chief, Gary Siler – Village of Merrill President and Mildred Parker – Jonesfield Township Police Board Chair.
  - c. Jim Gray – Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim stated that he is working with the residents with the M-46 property east of town with clean-up. Meridian Road property has not seen any changes.
- VI. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:
- a. Planning Commission – Trustee Nock reported that the Planning Commission met on June 23, 2020. Updates to Master Plan have been completed. Commission also adopted a Recreation Clause into the Master Plan. Updates to the Master Plan will need to be completed once the 2020 Caucus is completed. Planning Commission is still awaiting a Special Use Permit to be submitted by DTE for the Wind Energy Project for Jonesfield Township.
  - b. Waste Authority – None.
  - c. Saga (GIS) – Supervisor Tibbits attended recent meeting. Current rate of \$1.65 per parcel has been voted to remain the same for 2020/2021.
  - d. Municipal Water – None.
- VII. Information Items:
- a. Township Insurance Renewal – Board members were sent the 2020/2021 insurance policy renewal information to review before meeting by Clerk Stanley. Discussion was held on changes to premium and if any other changes are needed to policy. Motion made by Treasurer Parker to keep policy as is. Second by Clerk Stanley. Carried. Renewal will be mailed out to Burnham and Flowers by Clerk Stanley.
  - b. Update to Wind Special Permit – Have not received a Special Use Permit at this time. When it arrives, it will be posted on [www.jonesfield.com](http://www.jonesfield.com).
- VIII. Action Items:
- a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made motion to pay bills – General Fund - \$9,838.64, Trash Fund - \$4,467.37, Water Fund - \$0.00, and Wind Energy Fund - \$8,574.50. Total Bills = \$44,926.51. Seconded by Trustee Glazier. Carried.

- IX. Extended Public Comment – Rochelle Siler, Jonesfield Township resident, wanted to formally thank Justin Buckley for his time, and dedication as Trustee on the Jonesfield Township Board.

Rochelle also had questions regarding easements on participating and non-participating properties regarding the Wind Energy Project. Discussion followed.

- X. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Nock to adjourn meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second by Trustee Glazier.  
Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk