

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

October 15, 2018

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, Buckley, Parker, Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Ryan Stockford – Saginaw County Deputy, Mark Gath – Jonesfield Township Resident.

PERMITS: Building Permit 16-18-J Tinson; Mechanical Permit 14-18-J Rigg; Mechanical Permit 15-18-J Gath; Electrical Permit 14-18-J Rigg

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comments – None.
- III. Additions to Agenda – Mark Gath is sworn into the Jonesfield Township/Village of Merrill Police Board by Supervisor Tibbits.
- IV. Meeting minutes from the August 20, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Parker. Second by Nock. Carried.
Meeting minutes from the September 24, 2018 meeting were approved as presented. Moved by Stanley. Second by Parker. Carried.
- V. Reports:
 - a) Treasurer – General Fund - \$108,432.63; Trash Fund - \$51,124.01; Police Fund - \$66,102.11 and Water Project Fund - \$153,800.72.
 - b) Police – Deputy Stockford reported business as usual. Car/Deer accidents are on the rise. Deputy Stockford stated that Davis Auto recommends that an alignment be done to the police car. Clerk Stanley to call Davis Auto to okay alignment to be done.
 - c) *Planning Commission* – Trustee Nock reported that the Planning Commission has finished rewriting By-Laws for the Commission – used MTA guidelines as reference. Meetings for commission will now be held on the 2nd Tuesdays in the months of January, April, July and October – 7:00p.m. The change in date is to help accommodate the Zoning Officer, Jim Gray, to be able to attend meetings. Next on the agenda for the commission is reviewing Zoning Ordinances.

Police Board – Treasurer Parker announced the addition of Mark Gath to the Police Board. This will fill one of the vacancies on the board.

Waste Authority – Supervisor Tibbits announced the results of the 18 events that the Waste Authority held for the various special collections they held.

Saga (GIS) – None

Municipal Water – None

VI. Discussion Items:

- a) Probable May Ordinance Election – Discussion was held on the verbiage for the ballot on the Special Election that will be held in May.
- b) Road Millage on May Ballot? – Discussion was held on possibility of adding road millage proposal on the May Ballot. Supervisor Tibbits made a motion seconded by Buckley to place a road millage proposal on the May 2019 ballot to be paired with the amended Wind Energy Ordinance referendum, that will again ask Jonesfield Township voters to approve an increase of up to 2.35 mills in tax limitation under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for 15 years. Such ballot proposal that will just apply to Jonesfield Township residents and not Village of Merrill residents, is being researched by the township attorney. It is acknowledged that final ballot language will be by board resolution at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
- c) Audit Report and Notes – Clerk Stanley gave every one of the board members a copy of the official audit report along with a copy of the auditor’s comments. Discussion was held on the items discussed with the auditor. Clerk Stanley to start supplying a budget status report at each board meeting for the members to review.
- d) Planning Commission Bylaws Complete – Trustee Nock presented the board members with a copy of the updated Planning Commission By-Laws for approval. Motion made by Parker to accept the updated by-laws. Second by Stanley. Vote: Ayes - Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Stanley and Parker. Nays – None.
- e) Township Hall Roof Estimates – Supervisor Tibbits presented the last of the roof replacement estimates. Tibbits discussed the meeting he had with Village of Merrill Clerk, Jan Wazny, regarding possible participation from the Village in assisting in the expense of the roof replacement of the hall with the possibility of the hall being used as more of a community center and not just the township hall. At this time the Village is not interested in participating. Supervisor Tibbits made recommendation to accept the proposal from Beyer Roofing with the addition of installation. Nock made motion to accept the proposed bid from Beyers Roofing with the addition of the cost of insulation installation and for Clerk Stanley to go forward with the financing at Mercantile Bank. Second by Parker. Vote: Ayes – Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Stanley and Parker. Nays – None. Carried. Motion also made by Parker to bundle together the cost of the furnace replacement and roof replacement with the existing hall improvement loan with Mercantile Bank. Second by Stanley. Vote: Ayes – Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Stanley and Parker. Nays – None. Carried.

- f) 2019 Trash Increase - Discussion was held on the current per household cost that is charged for trash collection. Rate has been the same since 2015 at \$114.00 per household. Motion made by Parker to raise household cost from \$114 to \$125 per household – staying within the allotted approved allowance of 10% stated in the Garbage and Rubbish Collection Special Assessment Resolution dated April 18, 1994. Second by Tibbits. Vote – Ayes – Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Stanley and Parker. Nays – None. Carried.
- g) Roundtable for the good of the Township – Mark Gath asked what is going to happen next if amendment to the wind ordinance is to be voted down at the May 2019 election. Discussion followed.
- h) The Jonesfield Township Election Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on October 29, 2018 at the Jonesfield Township Hall.

VII. Action Items:

- a) Road Ballot Issues for May – Already addressed in Discussion Items.
- b) Roofing Company Selection – Already addressed in Discussion Items.
- c) Trash Increase Resolution – Already addressed in Discussion Items.
- d) Motion to Pay Bills – General Fund - \$17,458.80, Police Fund - \$369.86, Trash Fund - \$4,061.68, Water Project Fund - \$44,623.00. Motion made by Parker to pay bills. Second by Nock. Carried.
- e) Motion made by Trustee Buckley to place a hold on any Special Use Permits for Wind Energy till after the May 2019 election. Second by Tibbits. Vote: Ayes – Tibbits, Nock, Buckley, Stanley and Parker. Nays – None. Carried.

VIII. Extended Public Comment – None.

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, November 19, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Clerk Stanley to adjourn meeting at 9:26 p.m. Second by Supervisor Tibbits. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley

Jonesfield Township Clerk