

**Jonesfield Township Annual Public Budget Hearing**  
**and**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 23, 2020**

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the Public Hearing Budget Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**PRESENT:** Tibbits, Nock, Buckley – Parker & Stanley present via teleconferencing (No motions or voting in accord with Governor’s Executive Order)

**ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Kirt Shields – Jonesfield Township/Village of Merrill Police Officer, Jim Gray – Jonesfield Township Zoning Administrator

**PERMITS:** Mechanical Permit – 02-20-J (Wale), Electrical Permit – 02-20-J (Wale), Plumbing Permit – 02-20-J (Wale)

**Annual Public Budget Hearing**

- I. Public Comments Related to Proposed Budget – None.
- II. Budget Discussion and Budget Adjustments – Board members reviewed final issue of the proposed 2020-2021 Jonesfield Township Budget. Discussion was held regarding a couple of line items.
- III. Public Budget Hearing concluded at 6:07 pm.

**Regular Monthly Board Meeting**

Supervisor Larry Tibbits called the regular board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

- I. Additions to Agenda –None.
- II. Approval of minutes from the February 24, 2020 Board Meeting – Trustee Buckley made a motion to approve minutes. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

III. Reports:

- a. Treasurer Report – General Fund - \$11,508.32, Trash Fund - \$26,886.47, Police Fund - \$6,025.00 and Water Fund - \$185,667.55.
- b. Police Report – Officer Shields reported that he now has his new police vehicle. Received it last week and other than a couple of Merrill Vandal stickers it is all ready and he has been using it. Officer Shields also made the board aware of a rash of vehicle larcenies that have been taking place in the Thomas Township area. There was also a group apprehended out on Swan Creek Road in Thomas Township that may have been part of these larcenies.
- c. Jim Gray, Zoning and Code Enforcement – Jim announced that there is to be no permits or inspections done from now till April 14<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic. Jim reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> zoning violations letters have been sent to the Gratiot Road property with the multiple cars in the yard on the east end of the township. Jim has also been informed that this resident is running a body shop business out of this residence. He will be contacting them regarding this violation also. Secondly, since the original owner has moved back into the Meridian Road residence, the problems with that property is back to the way it was before – Jim has sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> violation letters. No contact yet with the property owner.

IV. Reports from Commissions/Boards/Committees:

- a. Planning Commission – Nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020. This meeting may possibly be postponed due to current situation with the pandemic. It was also mentioned that the Township Planning Commission has been contacted by the Village of Merrill Planning Commission and they would like to have a joint meeting to review the joint Master Plan.
- b. Waste Authority – None.
- c. Saga (GIS) – None
- d. Municipal Water – None.

V. Information Items:

- a. Greg McMillan Merrill School Board – not present. Clerk Stanley announced that the Merrill School Board passed resolution to cancel millage proposal for the May 2020 election upon recommendation from the Saginaw County Clerk’s Office due to the current pandemic situation.
- b. March Board of Review Results – There were two poverty exemptions and two disabled veteran exemptions approved. Two residents came to appeal their taxes as too high but did not provide any comparable sales to support their appeal. The

Board of Review members looked at adjacent comparable properties with the two residents and confirmed that their assessments were correct.

- c. 2020-2021 Budget Year in Review and Year End Balances – Clerk Stanley presented year end budget totals for each fund – General Fund, Police Fund and Trash Fund – for the township board to review. Clerk Stanley also asked for approval for budget adjustments for specific line items. Supervisor Tibbits made motion to approve budget adjustments. Seconded by Trustee Nock. Carried.
- d. March 10 Election Results – Clerk Stanley stated that the March election went well. Had 377 voters which was not as many as anticipated.

VI. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. Millage to Keep the Township Hall – Supervisor Tibbits presented a proposal for discussion regarding a possible millage for keeping the hall. Topic was tabled until April meeting for further discussion.
- b. Roundtable for the Good of the Township – none.

VII. Action Items:

- a) Motion to Approve 2020-2021 Budget – Supervisor Tibbits made a motion to approve the presented 2020-2021 Budget. Seconded by Trustee Buckley. Carried.
- b) Motion to pay bills – Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to pay bills presented. General fund - \$10,519.93, Police - \$341.25, Trash - \$4,263.07; total bills - \$15,124.25. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

VIII. Extended Public Comment – None.

IX. Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

Motion made by Supervisor Tibbits to adjourn meeting at 7:45p.m. Second by Trustee Buckley. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley  
Jonesfield Township Clerk