

Jonesfield Township Board Minutes

September 21, 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, Glazier, and Stanley

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Richard Bluemer – Planning Commission Chair, Ruth Coppens – Zoning Board Chair, Larry Fleming – Jonesfield Township Assessor, Mark Gath – Planning Commission Member, Jacob Polzin – Jonesfield/Village of Merrill Police Officer, Jack Doyle – Richland Township Police Chief, Stanley Brown, and Tim Morrison – Jonesfield Township residents.

PERMITS: None.

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment – None.
- III. Addition to Agenda – Supervisor Tibbits stated that there will be an addition to the agenda regarding the Jonesfield/Lakefield Township Fire Board. Added under Section VII(c)
- IV. Approval of minutes from August 17, 2020 Board Meeting – Motion made by Trustee Glazier to accept meeting minutes. Second by Treasurer Parker. Carried.
- V. Reports:
 - a. Treasurer – General Fund - \$82,749.07, Trash Fund - \$52,755.33, Police Fund - \$64,908.82, Water Fund - \$195,060.72, and Wind Energy Fund - \$132,450.50.
 - b. Police – Introduction of New Officer - Jacob Polzen was present at the meeting and was introduced to everyone.
 - c. Zoning – None.

- VI. Reports: Planning Commission, Waste Authority, Saga (GIS)
 - a. Planning Commission – October 6, 2020 meeting is scheduled. Agenda is finalizing the Master Plan and reviewing Special Use Permit submitted by Lee Glazier. October 13, 2020 meeting will be the regular quarterly meeting.
 - b. Waste Authority – Zoom meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2020.
 - c. Saga (GIS) – Meeting was held today, September 21st. Stanley Brown joined meeting. Saga is continuing to enhance their website.
- VII. Informational Items
 - a. DTE Special Use Permit Application Update – Supervisor Tibbits discussed current standing of the Special Use Permit Application with DTE.
 - b. Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing - ZBA meeting scheduled for September 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Discussion will be on variances of height of turbines, property setbacks and application guidelines (one major application or one application per turbine.)
 - c. Jonesfield/Lakefield Township Fire Board – Supervisor Tibbits did some research and found that proposed budget for the fire board should be available 30 days prior to the meeting to be able to review. There should be two parts to the budget – one for operating and one for equipment. Discussion was also held on millage review procedures.
- VIII. Discussion Items:
 - a. Roundtable for the Good of the Township – Clerk Stanley announced that she was notified that Jack’s Tap and Line was acquired by Happy Tappy out of Bay City. Jack’s was the company we used to service our beer taps and lines. Clerk Stanley also announced that George Kipfmiller made mention to her that as of the first of the new year, he is planning to retire from Jonesfield Township as Building Inspector. Discussion was held on replacements.
 - b. Draft Master Plan Comments from Board – Brief discussion was held on Master Plan updates. Motion made by Clerk Stanley to accept Master Plan updates. Trustee Glazier seconded. Carried.
 - c. Township Hall or Community Center – Supervisor Tibbits announced that there has been talk of the Village of Merrill being interested in the Township Hall and to convert it into a Community Center. Discussion was held on this topic.
- IX. Action Items:
 - a. Motion to pay bills – Treasurer Parker made motion to pay bills – General Fund - \$23,990.27, Police Fund - \$21,867.00, Trash Fund - \$4,469.89, Wind - \$7,972.00. Total bills equaling \$58,299.16. Second by Trustee Glazier. Carried.

X. Extended Public Comment – Mark Gath asked about there being a Rail Trail coming through this area. Discussion was held on this topic.

XI. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, October 19, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by Trustee Glazier to adjourn meeting at 7:46 p.m. Second by Trustee Nock. Carried.

Signed,

Marcia J. Stanley
Jonesfield Township Clerk