

## **Johnstown Township Minutes**

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – May 8, 2019 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present:** Supervisor Barbara Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson, Trustee Jeff Warren

**Absent:** Trustee Deana Powell

A motion was made by Warren to approved the excused absence of Trustee Powell. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Visitors:** Four (4)

**Agenda:** An amendment to the agenda is needed to the add Bristol Lake Channel Weed control under new business. A motion was made by Warren to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Babcock. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments: (3 minutes per person):**

- A resident expressed the poor condition of gravel roads, in particular, Holden Road. Other residents agreed.
- Another resident wanted to inquire about why the Road Commission is not pulling gravel from the shoulders?
- Another call will be made to the Road Commission to see if we can get answers on these items.

### **Minutes:**

A motion was made by Nickerson to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report – Karmen Nickerson**

An additional report is included on bank balances. These balances will be different now due to the transfers in and out for the new budget year that were processed today.

A motion was made by Warren to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Babcock. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock**

- May 7<sup>th</sup> election went smoothly. We processed a total of 592 ballots out of the total 2,536 voters. About a 23% turnout. 269 of these were AV ballots with the remaining 323 as walk in voters.
- Delton School district bond proposal was passed for 23,215,000. This proposal also passed in our township. Hastings School district bond proposal was declined for 9,990,000. This proposal also lost in our township.
- This election was a consolidated with Johnstown hosting Bedford and Assyria's Hastings school district voters. This will be the last consolidated election as the county as decided that it is no longer beneficial to consolidate under the new regulations of Prop 3.



#### **Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock** (continued)

- We processed two new voter registrations on election day.
- Election cost reimbursement is being processed to school districts for the May 7, 2019 election.
- Waiting to see if anything will be on the August election. Deadline to file is May 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Bank balance transfers were completed to begin first new month of fiscal year as budgeted.

#### **Assessors Report – Joyce Foondle**

- 3 Building permits
- Letters have gone out to begin inspections on East Shore of Fine Lake and Woodridge.
- March Board of Review concluded and the assessment roll has been affirmed by Barry County.
- No land divisions
- Michigan Tax Tribunal – nothing to report.
- Phone message – needs upgrade to include assessor. Need service to entire system.
- Problems with Microsoft program – discussed server update that may resolve issue.

#### **Fire Report – Pete Dunn**

- 27 incidents in April for a total of 117 for 2019
- 16 MFR
- Training – Apr 13 – KCC Extrication
- Personnel Changes: 1 medical leave
- Current membership: 17 Active, 1 Medical leave, 3 Probationary, 1 cadet
- Department Activity: None
- Recertification through the State of Michigan as Training Facility completed today.

Next Quarterly meeting of the Township Board and JFD Officers is Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Commissioner Report – Commissioner Heather Wing:** Absent

#### **Old Business:** None

#### **New Business:**

Bristol Lake Channel – Special Assessment for weed control. Resident Cindy Hall representing the Bristol Lake Channel residents was present to proceed with the process of getting the special assessment started. Petitions were given to her to start getting signatures. 12 of the 15 residents have agreed to sign the petition and the remaining 3 still need to be contacted but are mostly likely in favor anyway. They will return petitions as soon as possible. We will begin getting with the lawyer as the district has expired and will have to be set up again. The district and estimates will most likely be set up for 5 years.

Computer Upgrades: We have estimates for both the poll-book replacement lap for \$765.00 and for the server for \$4,784.00. The Laptop budget was set at \$750.00. We will need a budget amendment of \$15.00 to cover this replacement. A motion was made by Warren to approve the purchase and budget amendment for the poll-book laptop. All ayes. Motion carried.

The server budget was \$650.00 which we knew was low. We will need a budget amendment of \$4,134.00 to cover the entire cost of the server and installation.

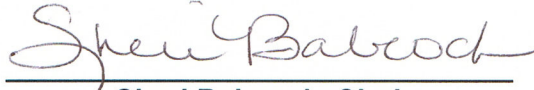
A motion was made by Warren to approve the replacement of the server and the budget modification in the amount of \$4,134.00 to cover the additional cost and installation. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Pay Bills:** A motion was made by Warren to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,400.78 as presented. Seconded by Babcock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Additional Citizen's Comments: None**

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Seconded by Babcock. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Attested to by:**  
**Barbara Earl, Supervisor**

  
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**Sheri Babcock, Clerk**

**Next Quarterly Board/Fire Meeting is July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Next Regular Board Meeting: June 12, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**