

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek, Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting
Blight Ordinance and other pertinent business
October 26, 2023

Special Board Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barbara Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson, and Trustee Deana Powell

Absent: Trustee Jeff Warren. A motion was made by Powell to excuse the absence of Trustee Warren. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Three (3)

Agenda: A motion was made by Powell to approve the agenda. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

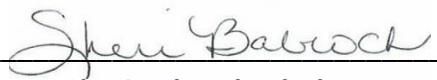
Blight Ordinance:

- Effective last week, Barry County has hired Chris McNale as the new Enforcement Officer. He is currently in training.
- Discussion regarding the impact a Township Blight Ordinance would have on the Township's 28 open enforcement cases. It is understood that should the Township put in place a local Blight Ordinance, any open cases would have to be started again under the new Blight Ordinance guidelines.
- A resident remarked that he has observed some improvement on the Winans Drive property.
- Discussion about the completion of our Township Blight Ordinance, except for the section on infractions, it is set to go to the Township Lawyer.
- Given the hiring of a new County Enforcement Officer, the Board feels it best to postpone additional work on the Ordinance until the County Enforcement Officer is up to speed in his new role and informed on our cases.
- A letter will be sent to Jim McManis requesting an introduction to Chris McNale and a monthly report of the active enforcement cases in the Township.
- Further discussion regarding considerations for our own local enforcement officer in the future.
- A motion was made by Earl to pause the Blight Ordinance process until next fiscal year. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion by Powell to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 2:49 p.m. Seconded by Nickerson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:

Barbara Earl, Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk

Next Regular Board Meeting: November 8, 2023