

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – July 11, 2018 – 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 – requested to be excused. A motion was made by Warren to excuse Deana Powell from the meeting. Seconded by Earl. All ayes. Motion carried.

Visitors: Fourteen (14)

Agenda: An addition to the agenda was made to include the July 11, 2018 minutes of the Election Commission and the addition of Bristol Lake Weed Control under Old Business.

A motion was made by Warren to approve the Agenda as revised. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: (3 minutes per person): None

Minutes: A motion was made by Warren to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Warren to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2017 Special Meeting of the Election Commission as presented. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Summer property tax collection has started.

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock

- **Election Update – August 7, 2018**

The last day to register to vote at the August 7th election was Monday, July 9th. TV ads were confusing AV voters;

Good response from AV voters for ballots;

Election Commission appointed election inspectors today, July 11th;

Clerk & Deputy clerk completed Train the Trainer course;

All inspectors completed Election Inspector certification course;

Setting up new election equipment and doing hands on training this Saturday;

Public Test of the tabulator will be held at Baltimore Township on July 19th at 1:00 p.m.;

Ballot wording for the November election is due to the county by July 31, 2018

- **INSURANCE CLAIMS**

Fire Dept. incident is now completed. Boiler repair is now completed. We are still waiting on the contractor repair to walls in the boiler room.

Working with Dowling to get estimate on cemetery damage.

- Board of Review is scheduled for July 17th at 7:30

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock (continued)

- Completed the in-office portion of the audit with the Auditor Jeff Rood this week.
- Waiting for response from Insurance Company on Fire Dept. question on policy and procedures.

Budget Modifications:

206 Fire Department – to cover shortage in Operating supply

206.336.755.000	Fuel & Gas	Decrease	-\$1,000 to \$3,000
206.336.970.000	Capital Outlay	Decrease	-\$1,500 to \$3,500
206.336.740.000	Operating supplies	Increase	+\$2,500 to \$7,500

No change in budget totals

A motion was made by Warren to approve the budget modification as presented. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Assessors Report – Joyce Foondle

- Review with Register of Deeds. A motion was made by Warren to sign the agreement under protest. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- Building Permits – deferred until next month;
- Fine Lake – continued along the north and west side of Fine Lake. Fineview Bluff is completed and started along West Shore.
- Land Divisions – None
- Michigan Tax Tribunal - None

Fire Report – Pete Dunn

- 26 incidents for June, 2018, 158 total incidents for 2018;
- 21 MFR and 2 structure fires.
- Training – June 3rd Driving, June 17th CPR
- Personnel Change – None
- Current Membership – 18 Active Members, 3 Probationary, 1 Cadet
- Department Activity: Taco Dinner Fundraiser – Aug 18th

Next Quarterly Meeting of the Township Board/Fire Dept. – October 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Report – Commissioner Heather Wing

- Life Saving Award;
- Crooked Lake – very high water levels, many homes flooded;
- Budget cycle.

Old Business:

- Bristol Lake – board presented weed control estimates from PLM for special assessment consideration and petitions. Discussion on options including who to include in the special assessment district, consideration of front and back lots and treatment options. They are now ready to begin the petition process.

New Business:

- Planning & Zoning Enforcement officer, Jack Ward presented updates on Johnstown Township open complaints. He provided details on multiple cases.

Jim McManus was honored recently at the County for 25 years of service.

- Long Lake – resident John and Brenda Howe mailed a letter regarding the lake ordinance. The letter was read to relay his support to not eliminate the current ordinance regarding the wake law. No additional response from request to submit petitions as this time.

Additional Citizen's Comments:

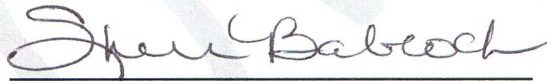
Sarah Archer – Recycle Coordinator presented information and update on recycle efforts in Barry county.

Julie Calley: 87TH State Legislative representative provided us with an update on current happenings at the State level. She is running for re-election in the August primary.

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Warren to pay the bills in the amount of \$51,847.98 as presented. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Nickerson. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl, Supervisor


Sheri Babcock, Clerk