

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – Jan. 9, 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, Trustee Deana Powell

Absent: None

Visitors: Six (6)

Agenda: A motion was made by Powell to approve the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: (3 minutes per person):

- A resident remarked that they liked the new sign.

Minutes:

A motion was made by Warren to approve the minutes of the Dec 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Karmen Nickerson

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

Property tax breakdown illustration was presented for review.
Point & Pay has been used 37 times with over \$30,000 in payments.

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock

Pension Plan: Pension plan contributions have been calculated and checks are being processed tonight

Year-End Payroll: W-2 are included with this month's payroll checks. All others will be mailed.

Budgeting Process: Draft budgets will be prepared for review at the February board meeting. The Fire Dept. will receive a draft budget proposal template for completing. This budget should also include a request for budget modification to move a portion of their fund balance to a Capital Outlay Account to be approved by the board.

Ordinance No. 18 – Prohibition of Recreational Marihuana Establishments: This ordinance that we adopted last month on December 12, 2018 was published in "The Reminder" on January 5, 2019. Due to the fact that this ordinance contains infractions, a 30-day period must ensue before the Ordinance can become effective. The effective date will be February 5, 2019.

The Ordinance and the certification of publication is filed in the Ordinance Book.

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock (continued)

We received a phone call from the county indicating that we have a resident that would like to have this ordinance recalled. I talked to the attorney at MTA to find out the order of this process. The resident is only required to obtain more than 5% of the total votes for the last Governor race (which was in Nov 2018). He would be required to get 41 signatures. Once he brings in these signatures, we will be required to put this on the next election and would be voted on by the residents of our township.

Another resident stopped into the township this week inquiring about having a recreational growing establishment. I explain the above Ordinance and the possible recall and advised him to keep track of what is coming up on elections.

Index of Ordinances: In searching all the records that I can find, I am including Index listing of Ordinances.

Building and Equipment:

- New Sign – installation was completed today.
- Furnace in the Hall should be finished on Friday and the humidifiers are installed on both furnaces.

Road Commission – Reminder of meeting

- Budgeting meeting with the Road Commission is set up for Jan 16th at 2:30

Assessors Report – Joyce Foondle

- Building Permits
- 2019 Assessment ratios – Agricultural 51.90%, Commercial 47.08%, Industrial 47.08%, Residential 49.81%
- No Land divisions
- Michigan Tax Tribunal – hearing held on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019. Six weeks to receive Notification of order.
- Bristol Lake Weed Special Assessment – nothing new to report.

Fire Report – Pete Dunn

- 35 incidents in December for a total of 329 for 2018
- 29 MFR
- Training – Dec 2 – Right to Know – Roads & addresses, Dec 16 – Communications, Team Building
- Personnel Change – David Warren submitted his resignation.
- Current membership 18 active member, 3 probationary, 1 cadet
- No current activities

Next Quarterly Board Meeting of the Township Board/Fire Department – April 1, 2019 at 8:17 p.m.

Commissioner Report – Commission Heather Wing

- Local Township responses to Recreational and Medical Marihuana establishments;
- Commission Reorganization meeting – New Chair – Heather Wing;
- Encourage plans for new jail.

Old Business: None


New Business: None

Pay Bills: A motion was made by Warren to pay the bills in the amount of \$45,477.31 as presented. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Citizen's Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl, Supervisor


Sheri Babcock, Clerk

Next Quarterly Board/Fire Meeting is April 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Next Regular Board Meeting: Feb 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.