

# Johnstown Township Minutes

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

Special Board Meeting – March 27, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

**Absent:** Treasurer Karmen Nickerson. Motion by Powell to excuse Treasurer Nickerson. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Visitors:** none.

**Agenda:** Motion by Warren to approve the agenda. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Close Special Meeting:** Motion by Powell to close the Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 3:04 p.m.

**Open Public Hearing:** Motion by Powell to open the Public Hearing. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried. Public Hearing opened at 3:05 p.m.

**Public Comments:** none.

**Close Public Hearing:** Motion by Warren to close the Public Hearing. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Re-open Special Board Meeting:** Motion by Warren to reopen the Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**FY2024-2025 Budget:** Discuss about draft budget. Consensus among the Board that Capital Outlay project of new metal roof on Township Hall would be incurred solely from the Township budget, with no additional funds from the Fire Department budget.

**Resolution# 2024-03-02** offered by Board Member Warren to adopt General Appropriations Act Fiscal Year April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. Supported by Board Member Powell.  
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Warren, Powell, Babcock, Earl. Nays: none. Absent: Nickerson.  
Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

## **Meeting Schedule:**

**Resolution# 2024-03-03** offered by Board Member Powell to adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Regular Board Meetings and Fire/Board Quarterly Meetings. Supported by Board Member Warren.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Warren, Powell, Babcock, Earl. Nays: none. Absent: Nickerson.  
Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

## **Salary Schedule:**

**Resolution# 2024-03-04** offered by Board Member Warren to adopt Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Salary Schedule. Supported by Board Member Powell.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Warren, Powell, Babcock, Earl. Nays: none. Absent: Nickerson.  
Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

**Local Officials Elections:** Clerk Babcock shared guidelines for candidates seeking local office.

**Sexton Contract:** Sexton renewal contract for FY 2024-2025 signed by Board members present.

**Audit:** Audit will take place June 3-5, 2024.

**Budget Modifications:** Budget modifications were only within line items and did not require Board approval. Final FY2023-2024 bills list presented. Motion by Powell to pay the bills according to the list for the March 27, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Tax Tribunal/Assessor:** Board discussion about issues brought by residents that were not brought before the Board of Review. Still awaiting some requested items from the Assessor.

**Solar Energy:** Special Board Meeting with Attorney Kaufman requested for Tuesday, April 16, 2024, for the purpose of furthering the discussion on Solar Energy in Johnstown Township.

**Other Pertinent Business:**

**Ballot language:** Fire Department millage renewal discussed. Also discussed Road millage ballot language. Consulting with Attorney before these can move forward.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Warren to adjourn. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

**Next Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing—Sylvan Court Special Assessment: April 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Next Special Board Meeting & Public Hearing—Sylvan Court Special Assessment: April 10, 2024, at 6:15 p.m.**

**Next Regular Board Meeting: April 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Attested to by:  
Barbara Earl  
Supervisor



**Sheri Babcock, Clerk**