

# Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – June 13, 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,  
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

**Absent:** Karmen Nickerson – requested to be excused. A motion was made by Powell to excuse Karmen Nickerson. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Visitors:** Nine (9)

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

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Powell to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Seconded by Warren. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

- Resident from Bristol Lake regarding Weed Control – to discuss under new business;
- Resident was thankful for dust control and Barry County Road Commission;
- Resident was thankful for all the hard work on the township hall flower gardens

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

**Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock**

- Election Update – August 7<sup>th</sup> Primary Election. Johnstown Township will have two ballot proposals, one for Roads and one for Fire Operations. Barry Intermediate School district, Hastings and Pennfield Schools also have proposals. AV ballot applications have been mailed out. Ballots will begin being mailed out by Wednesday, June 27, 2018. Military ballots to be mailed out by June 23, 2018.
- Preliminary Tabulator Test is scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at Johnstown Township;
- Public Testing of the Tabulator is scheduled for July 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at Baltimore Township Hall;
- Insurance Claims – Update on claim status and repairs;
- Barry County Road Commission Annual Report.

**Assessors Report – Joyce Foondle**

- Building Permits
- Fine Lake – Assessments and re-inspections completed for Walnut Ridge and Indian Isle.
- Moving west to begin Fine View Bluff and then West Shore.
- Land Divisions – two (2), one in Section 20 and one in section 36.

**Fire Report – Pete Dunn**

- 20 incidents for May, 2018, 132 total incidents for 2018;
- 15 MFR and 2 mutual aid given, no building fires.
- Training – May 6<sup>th</sup> MFR, May 20<sup>th</sup> Driving
- Personnel Change – None
- Current Membership – 18 Active Members, 3 Probationary

## **Fire Report – Pete Dunn (continued)**

- Department Activity: Taco Dinner Fundraiser – Aug 18<sup>th</sup>

Pete Dunn presented comments on the insurance claim incident involving a fire fighter's auto hitting a utility pole. He would like to request that the township pay this invoice. Our insurance company closed the case stating that the liability follows the auto.

A motion was made by Warren to pay the resident's invoice for repair of electrical service mast performed by SIMS Electric in the amount of \$1,184.00. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Next Quarterly Meeting of the Township Board/Fire Dept. – Monday, July 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**THIS IS A CHANGE IN DATE AND WILL BE POSTED.**

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

### **Commission on Aging, Tammy Pennington, Director**

- Annual Report
- Overview of services provided by the Commission on Aging.

### **Old Business:**

Signs – one additional estimate has been received from Universal Sign company for a total of three estimates available.

After consideration of these estimates, a motion was made by Powell to accept option #2 from Burkett Signs for installation of the digital message sign. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

**Bristol Lake:** A resident from Bristol Lake was in attendance to begin the process of obtaining petitions to start the process of getting weed control at Bristol Lake. It was decided that we would contract PLM to obtain a quote on the weed control and Joyce would create a listing of residents that would likely be included in the district. We will follow up with the resident as soon as this information is available.

**Union Cemetery:** We received a request to allow totem poles to be placed on a cemetery plot. Discussed possible restrictions, liabilities, etc. We will contact Planning & Zoning regarding height restrictions before making a final decision on this request. They also indicated that they would like to take a rock out of Mud creek to place on the foundation. It was explained to them that they were restricted to the 24" foundation size but a cut stone could be used.

A decision was also made to start the process of getting Union Cemetery surveyed using permanent markers before beginning the driveway project. Suggestions: Jim King or Ken Brandt. The clerk to make contact with Planning and Zoning.

### **Additional Citizen's Comments: None**

**Pay Bills:** A motion was made by Warren to pay the bills in the amount of \$109,287.82 as presented. Seconded by Powell. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Powell. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

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

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**Sheri Babcock, Clerk**