

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Regular Board Meeting – March 9, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Visitors: Twenty (20)

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

Public Comments (3 minutes per person):

- A resident urged everyone to pray for the people in Ukraine

Minutes: A motion was made by Powell to approve the minutes Regular Board Meeting of
Feb. 9, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Powell to approve the Special Preliminary Budget Planning
Meeting of February 28, 2022 as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report – Karmen Nickerson

- Property Taxes have been settled up and sent to the county. Any payments for property taxes now
need to be made at the county.
- This year collections went very well with 96% of taxes collected.
- Karmen presented a breakdown of how much money was received and sent to the support the various
millage allotments.

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

Budget Modifications:

Assessor:

101.209.715.000	Payroll Tax	+ 8.00	
101.209.726.000	Office Supplies	- 1,114.00	
101.209.801.000	Contractual Serv.	+1,350.00	
101.209.802.000	Reappraisal Services	- 244.00	Zero change to Dept. 209

Clerk:

101.215.715.000	Payroll Taxes	+ 74.00	
101.215.850.000	Telephone/Internet	+ 2.00	
101.215.726.000	Office Supplies	- 76.00	Zero change to Dept. 215

Treasurer:

101.253.703.000	Deputy Treasurer	+ 88.00	
101.253.726.000	Office Supplies	+ 6.00	
101.253.900.000	Printing & Publishing	- 94.00	Zero change to Dept. 253

Township Hall:

101.265.900.000	Printing & Publishing	+ 139.00	
101.265.920.000	Utilities	+ 128.00	
101.265.977.000	Landscaping	- 267.00	Zero change to Dept. 265

Clerk's Report – Sheri Babcock (continued)

Township Other:

101.299.722.000	Pension Expense	+ 65.00	
101.299.930.000	Repair & Maintenance	- 65.00	Zero change to Dept. 299

Fire Dept.:

206.336.722.000	Retirement	+ 200.00	
206.336.740.000	Operating Supply	+ 200.00	
206.336.970.000	Capital Outlay	+1,755.00	
206.336.930.000	Equipment Repairs	- 2,155.00	Zero change to Dept. 336

Elections: Delton, Hastings and Gull Lake School districts will have proposals on the May 3, 2022 ballots. 695 AV ballot applications were mailed out today, March 9, 2022.

Assessor's Report – Joyce Foondle - Absent

Fire Report – Fire Chief Chris Jozwik

- 38 incidents for the month February for a year-to-date total of 76
- 29 MFR calls in the month of February for year-to-date total of 61.
- Training: Winter Drafting, MFR Airway/Trauma
- Personnel Changes: One retirement: Brian Hill
2 new cadets: Clay Ashley and John Hicks
Questioned by board member, Jeff Warren.
- Current Membership: 18 active members, 4 cadets
- Department Activity: Pancake Breakfast to be held on April 2, 2022, 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Next Quarterly Meeting of the Township Board and JFD Officers is April 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Commissioner Report – Bruce Campbell – Absent

- Bruce provided an email to the board regarding grant opportunity from Barry County Parks & Recreation Commission. To be discussed at upcoming ARPA fund meeting, date to be determined at April 28, 2022 Public Hearing and Budget Meeting.

Old Business:

- **Sleepy Hollow:** The board made the decision to ask for additional signature from small parcel owners before moving forward.

New Business:

- Final draft of 2022-23 Budget is available to the board for review.
- Barb attended a meeting on Monday with Consumers Energy and Barry County Planning to discuss the future of solar power installation by Consumers Energy with the recent purchase of Halbert farm property. This project is at least a couple years down the road.

Pay Invoices and Payroll:


A motion was made by Powell to pay the bills in the amount of \$39,713.72 as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Additional Citizen's Comments:

- A resident was wondering when new voter ID cards would be issued to allow them time to prepare for voting. The clerk stated that they are in the process of preparing for this mailing.
- A resident commented that they have worked with Consumers with solar panels before and they were good to work with.
- A resident commented that they would have to change zoning to Utility. Property taxes are still paid.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl
Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk

APPROVED