

**** Subject to Council Approval**

**JONESVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
Minutes of April 16, 2014**

A meeting of the Jonesville Village Council was held Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at the Jonesville Village Hall. President Robert Snow called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council members present were: Gerry Arno, Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Ron Hayes, Jim Marks, and Andy Penrose.

Also present: Manager Gray, WWTP Supt. Mahoney, DPW Superintendent Kyser, Fire Chief Adair, Police Chief Lance, Assistant to the Manager McLean, and Attorney Lovinger.

Assistant to the Manager McLean led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

Jeff Jacques, candidate for State Representative, gave a brief presentation.

Gary Noblit spoke regarding the job that the Department of Public Works did removing snow this past winter. He commended them for their efforts. He also mentioned that all except one person wants to come back to the Carl Fast Park for the US-12 Garage Sale weekend in August. He commended Village Hall staff for their assistance last year. Gary also mentioned that he'd like to see the return of a community-wide garage sale weekend.

Item 6F, Resolution 2014-06, Charitable Gaming License for Jonesville District Library, was added to the agenda.

The agenda was approved as amended.

A motion was made by Ron Hayes and seconded by Jim Marks to award the 2014 Mowing Contract to Michigan Lawn and Landscape. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and seconded by Ron Hayes to approve Resolution 2014-05, Extension of Medical Marihuana Moratorium. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Gerry Arno, Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Ron Hayes, Jim Marks, Andy Penrose and Robert Snow. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and seconded by Tim Bowman to waive Garage Sale Permit requirements for Thursday, May 15, 2014 through Sunday, May 18, 2014, during Riverfest weekend. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Hayes and seconded by Andy Penrose to schedule a public hearing for Wednesday, May 21, 2014, 6:30 p.m., to consider a PA198 Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption request made by Jonesville Tool & Manufacturing. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and seconded by Gerry Arno to schedule a special Council meeting for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014, to discuss the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Andy Penrose and seconded by Tim Bowman to approve Resolution 2014-06, Charitable Gaming License for Jonesville District Library. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Tim Bowman, Jerry Drake, Ron Hayes, Jim Marks, Andy Penrose, Robert Snow, and Gerry Arno. Nays: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and seconded by Ron Hayes to approve the regular minutes of March 19, 2014. It was noted that Mike Kyser was present at that meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gerry Arno and seconded by Ron Hayes to approve the Accounts Payable for March 2014, in the amount of \$82,964.08. All in favor. Motion carried.

Manager Gray talked about the outcome of the April 15th Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. He also spoke about subsequent action required by the Manor regarding ongoing activities at the campus. He also mentioned that Citizen of the Year and Jonesville Community Schools Wall of Honor Award program tickets are available. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. He updated Council on the status of 315 Wright Street and the Heritage Lane project. He also mentioned that City Council and President petitions are due to the Village Clerk by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 2014. Village petitions are to be turned in to the Fayette Township Clerk by July 22, 2014.

Updates were given by department heads and council members.

Council adjourned to a break at 7:20 p.m.

Council re-adjourned at 7:31 p.m. to go into the Budget and Visioning Session.

President Snow updated Council and staff on a conversation he and Manager Gray had with Fayette Township Supervisor Walt Drake regarding division of assets if the city charter passes at the August primary election. President Snow asked for a volunteer to join him to enter into discussions with the Township regarding the division of assets. Andy Penrose offered.

A motion was made by Jerry Drake and seconded by Ron Hayes to enter into discussions with Fayette Township regarding the potential division of assets. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Jerry Drake, Ron Hayes, Andy Penrose, Robert Snow, Gerry Arno, and Tim Bowman. Nays: None. Abstain: Jim Marks. Motion carried.

Manager Gray reviewed the status of the objectives set by Council for the 2013/14 fiscal year, and presented his suggestions for a Fiscal Year 2014/15 Strategy, which include a formal Capital Improvement Plan and an Economic Development Strategy that will promote Jonesville's growth. Other ideas were as follows:

- Jim Marks – Discussed the importance of Sauk Theatre promotion, utilization of the Manor property, and workforce training.
- Jerry Drake – Our strategy needs to include street renovation, water and wastewater infrastructure, maybe a new well, cross-connection, and collaboration with others.
- Ron Hayes – Solar power has been discussed in the past. He feels it is very important, and should be revisited.

- Tim Bowman – Economic development strategy should also include the Jonesville Business Association, the Economic Development Partnership of Hillsdale County, and the Hillsdale County Chamber of Commerce.
- Andy Penrose mentioned the possibility of hosting a “Battle of the Bands”.
- Gerry Arno – Discussed the Personal Property Tax elimination and its impact on Jonesville. He also mentioned that continued collaboration with the FFA is important.

Manager Gray also discussed the Capital Improvement Plan.

All department heads except DPW Superintendent Kyser were excused at 8:27 p.m.

The Fiscal Year 2014/15 Budget was presented for Major and Local Streets, State Highway, and Motor Vehicle Pool.

Jim Marks was excused at 8:49 p.m.

The Jonesville Plant Sale and Fundraiser at C. Raker and Sons will be May 10th from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Deputy Clerk