



August 14, 2015 marked the **one-year anniversary** of the **incorporation of the City of Jonesville**. Much has been accomplished in these first twelve months toward the goals of incorporation, which included **consolidating** government services, **reducing** the property tax millage, and **governance by charter**.

Streamlined Services

Following incorporation, the City of Jonesville assumed responsibility for the following services, allowing residents, and business and property owners to receive all services from one unit of government:

- Elections
- Assessing
- Tax Collection
- Cemetery

The following summarizes some of the accomplishments in each of these areas this year. The document closes with comments regarding City budget and finances.

Elections

- Collaborated with Hillsdale County Clerk's Office to acquire election equipment at no cost
- Issued new voter identification cards
- Conducted the November 2014 General Election and May 2015 Special Election
- Installed a barrier-free ramp at the Fire Station
- Identified inactive voter records
- Approved a resolution maintaining even-year Council elections

Assessing

- Approved a short term agreement with the Hillsdale County Equalization Department for assessing services and conversion of records
- Implemented the BS&A Assessing Database Software
- Appointed a Board of Review and held March and July meetings
- Approved a contract with CSZ Services, LLC to provide City assessing services



Tax Collection

- 0.9011 mills of Township property tax was eliminated in the 2015 tax year
- Assumed responsibility for tax collection and disbursement to taxing jurisdictions

Cemetery

- Appointed a seven member Cemetery Committee to provide recommendations regarding maintenance and operation to City Council
- Adopted a Cemetery Ordinance and developed Rules and Regulations
- Updated the fee schedule
- Hired Baker's Lawn Care to provide contractual Sexton services
- Began clean up of brush and other yard debris that has accumulated
- Posted entry signs and installed avenue markers
- Identified future improvements in the five-year Capital Improvement Plan



Budget and Finance

- Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget is balanced and provides adequate revenue and funding related to all new City services
- Accomplished an amicable division of Village taxpayer assets with Fayette Township

This document provides a **summary** of activities and accomplishments following City incorporation. Additional details are included in information brochures, adopted resolutions and ordinances, the City Charter, the adopted budget and the Capital Improvement Plan.

City staff will be of assistance in providing those interested in additional information and detail. Much of the information is also available on the City website.



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