

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 2024

Due to the absence of Supervisor Byl, a motion to have Clayton run the Township meeting was made by Yarhouse and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Clerk, Janet Clayton, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Roland & Yarhouse. Absent were Byl & Lard. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed. A change made by Clayton, Clare County Commissioner, Marlene Housler was not able to attend our February meeting. The motion to accept the agenda with this change was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes with corrections, was made by Roland and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Clerk:** Clayton gave an update on the election, early voting process passed in 2022 and the voting dates in 2024 are February 27<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Roland and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

**County Commissioner - Marlene Housler:** No Report.

**Fire Department: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported:**

- 1/22/2024-2/19/2024 there were 11 medical calls, 2 Fires (Stove fire 8055 Rock Rd / Lake Station south of Adams, truck fire) fires, 1 misc., 14 for the month and 35-year to date.
- Kevin & SJ took a ride to the Federal Surplus in Bath. Kevin passed around a picture of what he was interested in for the Fire Department. A 2016 Kawaski Mule 4x4, winch, need a tire, valued at \$15,002.00. This is a DNR surplus and cannot be sold.
- There were some items that SJ thought the Township could use; Toyota 4 door pick-up, fuel issue, 70 miles.
- Terex articulating 4x4 forklift, takes skid steer attachments.
- After 5 years these are ours to keep or sell
- An Awards Banquet was held 1/27/24 at Lakeside Bar & Grill. Awards given: Dennis Light-FF of the Year/John McCracken-Officer of the Year/Zack Schultz-Probationary FF of the Year.
- Winterfest will be held on Saturday 2/24/2024 in town. All welcome.
- A non-resident was involved in a traffic accident and was billed for services rendered. A check for \$1,935.50 was received for this run and was deposited into the fire fund.
- Soffit & Trim were ripped off the FD building on the last storm, it was recommended by a builder that we have at least 3 snow stops installed. Short term fix was having the FD hose the roof with water to take the snow off. This snow removal was also done on the Township garage and hall.

**Supervisor Notes –** Clayton reported that there are new speed limit signs near the Garfield Township Park on Lake Station, with flags for people to take notice.

Brian Coon is running for Drain Commissioner. Brian is currently a supervisor with the Road Commission and has worked for 31 years and is eligible for retirement. If he is voted in as Drain Commissioner his plans are to retire from the Road Commission and work full-time as the new Drain Commissioner.

**General Comment-** None

**Old Business:** Refund of transfer station fee on an over charge. 18-013-013-300-02.

Refund property # 18-013-013-300-02 for Jim & Lisa Taylor on property they purchased and took the structure off the property. A refund of \$100.00 will be issued for this property. Motion made by Roland and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** \$44,463.53 was made by Roland and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was held.

Adjourned: 7:05 pm -Motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is 3/25/2024 at 6:30 pm

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton