

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 25, 2023

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

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Lard, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes August 28, 2023, Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**County Commissioner - Marlene Housler** reported:

- Not much to report. At the August meeting. Byl asked Marlene about the \$1 million opioid crisis that the County received 1.2 million over 18 years. Their 1<sup>st</sup> installment was \$180,000.00 for Opioid Crisis.

**Road Commission:** Jim Lard is waiting for clarification with the Road Commission on some information he wanted.

**Fire Department:** 8/29/23-9/25/23 14 Medical / 1 Gas Fire /1-mutual aid 16 month / 220 YTD.

- New applicant-Nicole Wilkinson. Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Yarhouse, pending background and physical services.

**Supervisor Notes:**

- Applied and received a \$10,000.00 for the Fire Department, this is a reimbursement grant for the digital pagers/scanners purchased in 2022.
- Signage is up at the Depot and Pop-up Shop.
- Olga Lampcov has asked to do a step aerobics class at the Depot for no charge to whomever wanted to come. Roland was concerned that if this was held upstairs a person with disabilities could not attend. Olga said if that was the case, they would move downstairs.
- Marc Lampcov made a QR code out of acrylic on his laser printer for the sculpture at the pavilion. Denise Hicks made the QR code with the story of "Otto's Journey".

**Blight:**

- Frank Patson-Gray Lake has been cleaning up. There has been a noticeable difference.
- Conrad Blain- on Ludington Rd is becoming a problem area, again.
- Davy Street- lots of unlicensed vehicles.
- Lone Pine-has been a problem in the past but talked to the grandson of the owner, he will clean up and put it up for sale.
- Problem with renters on Florence Street.

**General Comment:** Darrell Runyon filled out the proper forms and was put on the agenda to speak to the Board. He would like to see a noise ordinance. He has homeowners that blast their music from 1:30am-4:30am. Darrell would like a noise ordinance from Sunday-Thursday at 11:00 pm. Yarhouse said this was addressed at a different level, years ago. The Board chimed in; Lard said he realizes this is terrible for neighbors. Byl said that a lot of residents do not like Ordinances. Clayton asked if this is a new resident. Roland said that there is the same issue with the group of motorcycles and snowmobiles. Darrell said he was told by the police that this problem can be solved by the Township, with an Ordinance. Keith Keeler believes it is the duty of the Township to look into this to see what can be done. Clayton asked Darrell if he would be okay for the Board to do some research and put this on the agenda for next month. Darrell said yes to that request.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- New tires are needed for the Township truck for a cost up to \$1,200.00. Clayton made a motion to approve this purchase and it was supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.
- Light on the Township building needs to be replaced, Byl will have SJ take care of it.
- The street sweeper SJ has been looking at for Township use, opted to wait and find one more heavy duty. Will look at the Federal & State surplus to see what is available.

Approval of Bills \$98,503.05. Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

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

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Next Board meeting October 23, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton