

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2023

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

The attending Board members elected a chairperson to conduct the meeting. Motion by Roland and supported by Lard to elect the Treasurer. Yarhouse, as chairman for the meeting. All ayes, Motion carried.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept agenda was made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. Even though Roland was not at the Special Meeting, she voted to approve the minutes because everything appeared to be accounted for correctly. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes February 22nd, 2023, Special Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer reported that the CD rates are up and getting better. A motion was made by Lard to approve the Treasurer's report, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**County Commissioner - Marlene Housler:** Due to the winter storm weather she couldn't attend the meeting.

**Fire Report:** Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 1/24/23-2/22/23.

19 Medical /1-Mutual Aid/1-Car Accident/1 Down Power Line/1 Brush Fire = 24 for the month /55 YTD.

Foust Tender will be inspected (3/7-3/8) in Georgia by Kevin Tubbs & Dennis Light. Once that is done they will schedule delivery. The Osco fire truck will be inspected (3/9-3/10) in the west side of Illinois and they will bring it back. Will get with the Clerk on insurance.

Winterfest took place at the Pavilion/Depot on Saturday 2/25/23. Had positive feedback. T-shirt sales were great, but the total money was not resolved yet.

**Public Comment :** none

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:** Sealed bids for the Fire Department equipment were opened by the Treasurer.

- Three bids for the Air Packs and compressor ranged from \$1,500 to \$1,950. With the Alpha 1 Fire & Rescue from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in Utah requesting the possibility of the equipment being donated to them, as they are a new 501©3 Fire Department formed in January 2022. Yarhouse asked Joe Stragea what he thought. A reserve was mentioned for \$3,000, so no vote was made.
- Bids for the Fuel Tank/pump ranged from \$121 to \$368. A motion to accept the highest bid from Randy Ricketts was made by Lard, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Lard made a comment to leave the Compressor bids open to get more money, because the reserve was not met. Then vote at the regular Board meeting or call a Special Meeting. A discussion ensued about the reserve being mentioned in the Sealed Bids letter. If not, then probably the highest bid, needs to be accepted.

Approval of Bills in the amount of \$47,157.92. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:10pm.

Next meeting March 27, 2023, 6:30 pm.