

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2023

Called to order at 6:32 pm by Supervisor David Byl, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Clayton, Lard, & Yarhouse. Roland was absent. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes February 27, 2023, Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk's Report: As of March 27, 2023, Denise (Dee) Hicks is officially the Deputy Clerk for Garfield Township. Joan Farwell has been working on reclaiming cemetery lots that have not been used in over 40 years. Currently we only have 13 spaces available, we can reclaim 108 plots.

Friends of Garfield Township: Barb Lijewski updated the Board. The Friends have agreed to the following projects.

- Trees have been ordered for Peterson Park for shade.
- Trailhead pavilion to be power washed & stained.
- Shade Sail for Peterson Park has arrived.
- new fencing in all the parks in the plans.

County Commissioner - Marlene Housler reported:

- The County purchased a boat to use on the lakes in Clare County, after the grant was used it cost the County a little over \$16,673.00.
- The Commissioners are voting on using ARPA funds for the cost of early voting in 2023-2024.
- Carl Parks passed away and his memorial is on 4/1/23 at the VFW at 11:00 am.

Fire Report: Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 2/22/23-3/27/23.

16 Medical /1-Mutual Aid/1-Car Accident(PI)/1 Road Hazard/3 Down powerlines/1 Structure Fire = 23 for the month /78 YTD.

- The Tender worked as expected and used on structure fire. The truck will be here after the meeting for anyone to check out.
- Winterfest brought in around \$4200.00.
Garfield Township has accepted an offer of \$2500.00 for the air tanks from the Traverse City Fire Department.

Supervisors Notes: David Byl emailed the budget to each Board member & Kevin, for the workshop on April 10, 2023. This is to be filled out by each Board member and brought to the Budget meeting.

- Server is now in a secure location in the office.
- Depot remodel is coming along.

Public Comment:

- Joe Stragea is against the weed & grass ordinance. He has not heard anything about it, he would like to see a copy before the Board votes on it.
- LG Roberts agrees with Joe Stragea. The Board works for the people of Garfield Township. He feels that if the residents do not want something in their area, then the Board should listen.
- Tom Kunse, State Representative, introduced himself to the Board.
- Jill Weeks wants to move into our area as a resident. She currently makes oils and balms with cannabis, wants to distribute to Lume for their 33 locations. She needs Garfield Township to okay, per the State of Michigan. Garfield Township opted out of the cannabis in the Township in 2018.

- Marc Lampcov said that he has seen Jill's work and knows her product works. Marc has property that he is willing to help her make this happen.
- Monica Benjamin is the daughter of Jill Weeks, feels that this product is topical and safe. There would be no signage and Jill would have video surveillance, as required by law.
- Roxanne Hadley reported that she recently found out that her parents had two cemetery plots in Ann Arbor. She called them and was told that they would not buy them back and was told that she could not sell them, feels that Garfield Township needs to check on the reclaiming process laws.

Old Business: Grass Ordinance draft will be reviewed at the Budget meeting on April 10, 2023.

New Business: None

Approval of Bills in the amount of \$540,815.57. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:22pm.

Next meeting Budget meeting April 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm / Board meeting April 24, 2023.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton