

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 26, 2022

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

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2022, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

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

**Clerk Report:** Clayton spoke about the problem the Township had with John Hancock and the original payment that was sent for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2022. It was received by John Hancock but in the wrong department and someone sat on it. The reps at Burnham & Flowers were of no help. Help was sought from an outside source and with his help he gave a us phone number to contact someone at John Hancock to help us. The money was located and returned to our bank account with 3 days of reaching out. This outside help did this as a favor to help us out. Clayton asked the Board if they were okay her pursuing new representation for John Hancock. Burnham & Flowers haven't done the best representation for the employees.

**Road Commission Report:** Dewayne Rogers from the Road Commission (RC) gave a presentation on the projects that they have done in our County. A map and informational sheet was handed out to the Board. He was asking the Township to commit to 3.5 miles of road re-do on Lake Station from US 10 to the County line.

**Dale Majewski:** There was a short meeting with the County. January 1, 2023, Marlene Housler will take this position.

**Friends of Garfield Township:** Denise Henris reported that the Friends had a Christmas Sale & Quilt raffle. Over \$4500.00 was made on these 2 events. Great community event. The Friends group was highlighted in the Clare County Review about the purchase of the signage in Garfield Township.

**Fire Report:** Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 10/24/22-11/27/22  
19 Medical /2-Fire = 21 for the month /310 YTD.

John McCracken (driver only) & Zach Schultz new applicant, Lard made the motion to accept them as candidates and Clayton supported it. All ayes. Motion passed.

Winterfest planning meeting for is scheduled for 12/11/22 at 10:00 am.

**Spark Grant:** Dee Hicks gave a presentation asking the Board for permission to explore this grant. This grant is to improve our parks. Looking at Garfield Township Park on Lake Station Rd, if you ask for under \$1 million there is no match. The Board was in favor of pursuing this grant.

**Supervisor Notes:** Byl showed an example of the enclosure for the server. He will get a quote from I.T. Right. Michigan Chlorides rates have increased for 2023. Audit is done & Byl gave out an informational sheet on the 5-year plan for the Fire Department.

### **Public Comment**

Joe Stragea said that the grass ordinance is too restrictive. He feels that the Board needs to wait and make their decision when the entire Board is here. He feels that the money wasted on lawyers could be spent on roads.

LG Roberts spoke about the ordinances that were handed out to the Board and why the Township is spending taxpayers' money? He feels that Byl abuses his power. Darrel Runyon gave LG his 3 minutes, so LG continued accusing Byl of unfair treatment.

**Blight:** Byl distributed the blight report to the Board.

**Old Business:** Grass Ordinance will be put on hold; we will work on it over the next month or so. Yarhouse would like to have a workshop to spend more time with the wording. The Board was fine with that, January 9<sup>th</sup> is a Township Budget meeting.

The Board will vote on the Civil infraction at the December meeting and the Grass ordinance at the January 2023 meeting.

**New Business:** Yarhouse went to both Isabella & Huntington banks and was able to get information on CD's. Huntington offering 6 months at 3.7% minimum of \$1,000.00. Yarhouse & Clayton will go to the bank on Tuesday 11/29/22 to transfer money & open new CD's. 8 Point Lake, Crooked Lake & Transfer Station will all benefit from the higher interest rate on the \$40,000.00 CDs for each.

Approval of Bills in the amount of \$44,854.44. 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 Clayton. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting December 19, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

---

Supervisor – David Byl

---

Clerk – Janet Clayton