

Garfield Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 18th, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell and Irwin. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs, Dale Majewski.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for November 18th 2019 was approved after a motion from Farwell and support from Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 28th, 2019 Board Meeting minutes from Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerks report. Funds Equity Report. Motion to approve by Yarhouse, supported by Byl. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the report was made by Farwell, supported by Byl. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 271 YTD. There were 14 incidents in October: 6 Medical, 3 Accidents; 2 gas leaks, 1 Downed Power Line; 1 mutual aid, 1 Misc. Fire. The water well at the station has a diminished water flow. Needs to possibly be drilled deeper and the 1974 pump needs to be fixed. Requesting \$6,900 for drilling and to replace the pump and motor.

Fire Dept. Aux- Fire Chief: The Haunted Forest raised \$2,000. The Halloween Party was a success and the Community Christmas is December 21st at 1:00pm. We have a meeting on Wednesday this week at the Fire Hall. Anyone welcome.

Dale Majewski, County Commissioner: Left copies of the minutes of County Commissioners meeting. He reported Pete Preston gave a rundown report the Tax Rolls. Judge Ferrell is increasing the security at the Court to include the Treasurers and Clerks wing of the Court house.

Friends of Garfield Township Parks: Jeanie Stewart. She explained the process by which the Friends Group were able to donate the Depot windows.

Blight Update: Three properties were reviewed and progress noted.

Supervisors Notes: 1) Depot decorations look great and the flag pole is up, already flying the flag. 2) Windows 10. By January all office computers will be updated. It was noted that the one updated computer is working very sluggishly. 3) There is a public meeting on Wednesday at 9:15am at the County Building to discuss the Clare County Road Commission being transferred to the Clare County Commissioner. 4) Michigan Chloride dates for road brining are May 8th; June 29th; and August 17th. 5) SB 431 MTA opposes and urges townships to notify Rich Outman to continue the fight against this bill passing which involves= Bill removes all local control over aggregate mining, and any zoning involved. 205 of 2006 PA 110 (MCL 125.3205). 6) Using the millage for the Fire Dept. set up in 1961 as a sample, it was a simple Yes or No vote on the ballot.

Public Comments:

Len Pilz- 8 Point Lake: Recapped the program from the Discover Team. Let's vote and let the township residents decide. Talk to Lincoln Township, they ask for millage renewal every 10 years. County Clerk indicated SAD is open ended, can be initiated by Local Proposal Petition with 10% of qualified property owners, petition wording reviewed with an attorney, as well as the board. The board consensus is to let the Discovery Team run with getting qualified signatures on a petition to get the ball rolling. Wording on the petition should be reviewed by an attorney. 4 dates to get the proposal wording for the ballot to the County Clerk are; 12/17 for the March election; 2/18 for the May election; 5-12 for August election; and 8/31 for November election.

Ralph Stewart-Supports the road patrol proposal for the August Election. Recommends wording be approved at the February board meeting.

Joe Straega- Addressing trespassing on private property accusation. He did not trespass and has a right to measure public property and get public records from the county. I research then make my opinion. It is a misdemeanor to file a false police report. I will talk to anyone after the meeting.

Keith Keeler; The police proposal is a lot of work, Thanks Dave for your work. We want it on the ballot. What proposal is best for the township. Let the voters decide. Specify timing and money on millage.

Undersheriff Midge: Recommend use a set officer, contractual issues. If an incident calls officer out of your community, the time must be made up. All officers have cameras and vehicles have locators. There would be enough officers by May.

Old Business: A qualified property owner list was requested and will be sent to the Discovery Team.

New Business: a). Temporary Shelter Agreement. It was discussed that according to the survey list required, that we are not qualified to provide a shelter.

Approval of Bills: Approval of Bills. Irwin made a motion to approve bills, supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E. Farwell, Clerk