

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 19th, 2018**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell and Irwin absent. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Tubbs, Clare County Commissioner-Dale Majewski.

1. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for November 19, 2018 was approved by a motion from Yarhouse, and supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2018. A motion to approve the minutes from Yarhouse, supported by Roland. Farwell abstained due not being available for the meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Clerks report.** Webpage calendar updated. Thanked M Rottiers and K Byl for pre-election assistance
4. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 275 runs YTD, with 17 Runs for the month; 11 Medical; 1 Misc Fire; 5 Mutual Aids.

- Cook's Landing- Kevin speaking with DEQ to fix problems.
- SCBA Air Packs need updating. Newer ones are much lighter. Air packs are 20 years old. Fire Dept had a demonstration following the meeting. New packs are expensive.

5. **Fire Department Aux:** Community Christmas-December 15th Santa coming. Snacks, raffle, crafts, face painting. All welcome.
6. **Clare County Commissioner:** Dale Majewski, distributed meeting minutes.
7. **Friends of Garfield Township:** Barb Lijewski reported the Bake Sale at Jay's brought in \$560.00. 20 people decorated the Depot area and pavilion. Beautiful! Next Friends meeting is January 15th, 2019.
8. **Blight Report:**
 - a. Clear title on the 8 Point Lake Rd property, so it is available for sale.
 - b. 9850 S lake Station, no Sheriff Sale.6373 Patricia-vacant property, Neighbor to buy.
 - c. 1011 N Crooked Lake Dr. Neighbor purchased.
9. **Supervisors Notes:**
 - Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #2018-1. A Thirty year contract for Consumers and/or it's assigns to maintain and/or improve its equipment in
 - Michigan Chloride tentative dates are 5-7, 6-28, and 8-18-19. Had to grab dates quickly.
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- Results of the Audit Review were distributed to the Board members present. Items brought up were Budget beginning balance, Treasurer reports, IT controls, Credit Card policy and Michigan Chart of Account number changes.

10. Public Comments:

Joe Stragea announced he is ill.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business:

- Discovery Group Recommendations-Several ideas were brought up on the township resident special assessments and possible future millage needs. Those being the township itself, not increased since 1974; Transfer Station; Fire Department; and possible road millage for repairs and brining; as well as the road patrol the Group is recommending. Circulating petitions, public hearings and, creating a proposal for an election, (in the summer months so the snow birds would be back)! Other ideas our residents would like could be discussed. Possible discussion at the April Budget Workshop.
- Road Commission on for a resolution on Senate Bill 396. It deals with the logging trucks being able to travel our roads any time of year, even when road restrictions are necessary due to deteriorating or bad weather conditions, i.e. thawing. A Roll Call Vote was taken with Yarhouse, Farwell, Roland, and Byl all voting yes to oppose the SB 396. Irwin Absent. Refunds have been withheld due to hall renters not cleaning up properly, leaving their trash, chairs left outside and a couple tables missing. Closer inspections after the hall is rented will be done. Either raising the rental fee or just, perhaps the refund amount will be discussed next month.
- Renewal of Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance #2018-1. Motion to approve the ordinance made by Yarhouse, Supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes; Farwell-yes; Byl-yes; Roland-yes; Irwin-absent. The board passed the ordinance for a period of thirty years.

13. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve all bills was made by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E. Farwell, Clerk
Transcribed by Janet Clayton