

## **Garfield Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Irwin. Farwell was absent so Janet Clayton filled in for minutes. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs, Dale Majewski and Jerry Becker.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda for December 16<sup>th</sup> 2019 was approved after a motion from Irwin and support from Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board Meeting minutes from Yarhouse. Supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Clerks report.** No report

**Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 306 YTD. There were 33 incidents for the month: 19 Medical, 5 Power Outages, 2 mutual aid, 2 Misc. Fire, 5 Down Trees; Kevin read a thank you card from the Hagan/Waylon Family. The Community Christmas Party is this Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 pm

**Dale Majewski, County Commissioner:** On Wednesday December 18, 2019 there is a Road Commission meeting. At the last meeting it was suggested they go from a 3 person board to a 5 person board. The County is in the process of installing new assessing software. There will be 6 plus millage on the ballot in March 2020. Mid-Michigan Community College, Clare County Transmit, MSU Extension, Road Patrol and Gypsy Moth.

**Jerry Becker – Clare County Emergency Manager:** The County is asking for Garfield Township to become a temporary 12 hour emergency shelter. There may be grants to help pay for a generator needed to have the Township hall become a temporary shelter. If an agreement is made there will need to be a contact list. This subject will be put on the agenda in January.

**Tamika Campbell-Always Remembered:** Tamika is a resident of Garfield Township and recently opened a photography business. She has taken many photos of the Township landmarks and would like the Board to see if this something they would like to purchase.

**Friends of Garfield Township Parks: Jeanie Stewart:** New doors at the Depot, new ADA compliance handles for the bathrooms have been installed. A handrail is needed for the ramp on the inside. These items need to be done by the end of the year. They will be a final inspection that is needed, there is a deadline for our grant reimbursement.

**Blight Update:** 17 tickets were issued to a resident, there is a court hearing on December 27, 2019.

**Supervisors Notes:** 1) Windows 10 update is finished. 2) Our CPA was in the office for some information to file the F65. It was his suggestion to upgrade to BSA program for the Accounting/Account Payable program. The cost upfront will save the Township money in the long run. 3.) Board of Review met on December 10, 2019, all the corrections have been made. 4.) Stove in the Township kitchen needs to be replace. Robin will shop for a new stove, electric or gas to be determined.

**Public Comments:**

Joe Straega- He feels a back-up generator is a good idea for the Township building. He also commented that nothing has been done to repair the changes done by the Simmons at Cold Springs Township Park.

Kevin Tubbs-While at the Fire Department Christmas Party he noticed the military honor roll is stopped at WWII. Why hasn't it been updated? They deserve recognition-he feels that should be updated.

**Old Business:** Roland addressed The Citizens Initiation from the November meeting, wondered if a FOIA request was made to give out addresses from the residents. A FOIA request will be sent to Len Pilz for him to sign, for our office.

**New Business:** 4 Seasons Window & Door has installed new doors on the Depot. They look great and it will be finished before the end of the year. Approximately \$4100.00 is owed once this has been completed and approved by Jeanie Stewart.

**Approval of Bills:** Roland felt that since we are paying for someone to maintain our website that the current governor should be listed. Maybe give our web master a duty sheet to make sure items are updated. Approval of Bills. Irwin made a motion to approve bills, supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Byl. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

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*David Byl, Supervisor*

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*Janet Clayton, Deputy Clerk (filling in for  
Joan E Farwell Clerk)*