

Garfield Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 22nd, 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 and Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski, and Road Commissioner Tim Haskins and Karl Hauser, the Clare County Veterans Officer.

1. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for July 22nd, 2019 was corrected to add the Clare County Veterans Officer and the Hall Floor. A motion from Farwell to approve the agenda, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 24th, 2019 Board meeting minutes from Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 6th, 2019 Budget meeting minutes from Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried. The minutes from the July 17th, 2019 Special Meeting were tabled until the next meeting.
3. **Clerks report.** Funds Equity Report. Motion to approve by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 173 YTD. There were 31 incidents in May. PI 2; Med 15; Misc Fire 3; Down Power Lines 6; Downed Trees 5. He mentioned a Home Alone Seminar on 8-14-2019 put on by the 4-H Extension Office open to all. The Fire Dept. also received a 250 Skid Unit-free.
6. **Fire Department Aux report: Becky Gott:** Left Flyers for FD Open House on 8-10-2019 from 10A till 1P. Free Lunch meet and greet. She also weeded the flower beds at the Depot and more flowers have been donated.
7. **Tim Haskins –Clare Co Road Commission-the Manager** was released and a search for someone will close on 8-5-2019. Hope to have someone in place by September. Road baseline maintenance not getting done. Cleaning Arthur and Sheridan Township roads that were neglected. 12 Projects in 2018, 10 got done. We have 20 trucks. In Garfield Township-Lake Station shoulder work in being done and mowing on the blacktopped roads. Trying to get another tractor and brush rake the area. Bug spraying will be done and if you do not want to be sprayed for brush put a sign up. If you see something that needs to be taken care of, Please call, let us know.
Problems noted by attendees were-9230 School St-can see day light thru the drain; 9800 Oak St-the curve keeps washing out.; Pot holes are a real problem on South Shore; brush hogging the sides of the road, need to sharpen the blade, lots of weeds still standing; can we get a Broom Truck to clean off intersections. Can anything be done about the advertising signs appearing on corners? Must adhere to Clear Vision. Heard the County Commissioners were diving up the townships? Increase capacity to do more projects? Subcontractors could be hired. We need to be able to keep doing maintenance. Asphalt roads are out-sourced.

8. **Karl Hauser-Clare County Veterans Office Director:** Left flyers. 1)-On September 10th and continuing each month on the 2nd Tuesday from 9A till 10A an free coffee and donut hour honoring the Veterans at the Hayes Township Hall. 2)-They will partner in the 50th Vietnam Anniversary Recognition. War was from November 1955 to May 1975. Vets will receive a Certificate and Pin. 3)- I work for Clare County, if a vet needs a claim, come and see me.
9. **Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner:** Distributed Commissioner Meeting Minutes copies. He reported Jennifer Martin-Rep for their Health Care policies will get a small reduction in costs. On 8-15-2019 the Clare County Land Auction will be held in conjunction with Gladwin County at the Dougherty Hotel. There was a Discussion on DHS Child Care Services. We were billed \$100,000 at a 50/50 share. Have to pay it. Contracted thru Clare Equalization Dept. for tax billing. ?? To the Commissioner-Is County Wide Police coverage-Road Patrol Millage being considered? Nothing yet!
10. **Friends of Garfield Township Parks:** Barb Lijewski. The Depot is near completion. We want 3 new projects-fund raisers. 1) help with the window replacement at the Depot. 2 & 3) add benches and tables for parks. Can we do it? We will have Treasurers in the Trunk on Saturday, September 7th, 2019; 8am till 4pm.
11. **Rick Gott- Township Maintenance Foreman-**We have a new Flag pole for the Fire Department. The old pole will be going to the Cemetery.
12. **Supervisors Notes:** a) We are collecting vehicle batteries at the Transfer Station and Rick took them to Fair Salvage and received a check for \$136.00. b) The seniors are having their meals at the pavilion. That's Great. c) Shared pictures of a blighted property to be issued citations.
13. **Public Comments:** Tom Pirstill-Speaking from the Clare County Transit. We're on roads constantly, Branches down-Wash outs. The Road Commission has always been very responsive. We need to work together to get things done.
14. **New Business:** 1) Get bids on the Hall Floor. 2) Get a dead bolt lock for the basement door and 3) turn the hall alarm off.
15. **Follow-up for the July 17, 2019** millage meeting. Received 4 ideas. The consensus for the 4 areas from the meeting attendants and forms is 1)Road Patrol-yes 2) Fire Dept.-yes 3) Roads-yes and 4) General Fund-Headley Act needs to be considered.
16. **Approval of Bills:** The Clerk reported that many of the bills are now being paid on line with a list from the bank being provided for the Board to review along with the invoices. This is saving checks, stamps and clerical time. Faster turnaround for paying the bills in a timely manner. A motion to approve the bills was made by Yarhouse, seconded by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion carried.
17. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. Meeting lasted one hour.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E. Farwell, Clerk