

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 26th, 2018 7:00pm

1. **The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski, Jeanie Stewart: friends of Garfield Parks, and Brad Beach-Assessor.
2. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the March 26th, 2018 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
3. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 26th, 2018 Board Meeting was made after a correction of 'be' to 'by'. Motion made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Clerk's report:** Special Budget Meeting posting for 3-21-2018.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. The treasurer, also, explained how the delinquent taxes are reimbursed back to the township. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Assessor Brad Beach:** The Board of Review fielded 44 petitions. 11 of which were Veterans, 22 were pole barn condo's for storage and the rest were miscellaneous. We have 3381 parcels and the SEV value is \$111,675,400 for 2018. There were 52 building permits for the township.
7. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 28 runs for the month, 24 medical, 3-mutual aids, 1-misc. He presented Emily Young as a new firefighter. He has several personnel changes within the Fire Dept. The driver/operator personnel position doesn't require turnout gear to be worn. The Safety officer, Joe Swanson, received a promotion and stepped back to Fire fighter status and Rick Gott and Sarah Williams will be the new Safety Officer. Stephen Conroy on Medical Leave. Peterson Park will have a power pole installed in May because of monies donated from the Friends, the Auxiliary and various donations, including a Tip Jar at Winterfest. He read a plaque for the donations made to the Fire Dept Flag Pole.
8. **Fire Dept. Auxiliary:** Becky Gott, Chairperson. Participated in the St Patrick's Day Parade giving out candy. Lots of people. The Kids Easter Egg hunt is cancelled because the Depot area construction. They will have a booth and activities at the Paula Pirstill Health Fair in Farwell on April 21st, 2018. They are looking for a date for the Harvest Fest. Currently have 11 members and looking for more.
9. **Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. MTA meeting on the 3rd Monday at 6:30pm. Gypsy Moth Program will be reinstated in several townships, our township not having problems.
10. **Friends of Garfield Parks**-Jeanie Stewart. a) Update on the caboose fence-the posts and cross braces and half of the spindles are out and welding begins as soon as the weather permits. b) Crawford Construction will be starting on April 2nd, weather permitting, and benches have been ordered. c) We received our first Trust Fund reimbursement; at 70% of the amount already spent; for a little more than \$74,000. d) The 50/50 drawing will be held on April 15th

at Lakeside Bar & Grill. Very few tickets are left. e) Our first Bike Ride of the year is scheduled for June 9th.

11. Supervisor Notes:

- a. Blight Update-the assessor will be adding notes to property records in the BS&A Assessing program of blighted properties of which we have over 100 parcels. Many of these properties do not sell when they are vacated because of their condition.
- b. Transfer Stations Bids. Have bids from American Waste and Fair Salvage as well as working on a rebid from Waste Management. For a new contractor to start, new compactors are necessary, the cost of which we have to pay to lease or buy is quite prohibitive. Our local Green Scape company used for tire disposal is still OK.
- c. We received the Quit Claim Deed for the property we received thru the County Foreclosed Land Sale.
- d. Attending the MTA Conference in April.

12. Public Comments: Lori Martin: County Clerk and Register of Deeds. **a)** There is an employee opening in the office. **b)** Conducting voter registration drives in the high schools in the area and Mid-Michigan Community College. You can vote if you are 17½ and you may be an election inspector at age 15. Training is every 2 years to be a certified inspector, however this year there are two training sessions all inspectors must attend. One in July the other in October, because of the new voting equipment and changes in the process. **c)** To be a delegate, the deadline to file is May 8th. To be a candidate for office, the deadline is April 24th. **d)** 5000 Jury Duty questionnaires are being sent out. The pay has been doubled to \$15 for a half day and \$30 for a full day with \$22.50 for an additional day. **e)** CPL licenses, 1 year to reapply without needing the take a new course. You can reapply 6 months before you license expires. Cost is \$115 for a paper card or \$125 for plastic. **f)** Congratulations to the new fire fighter. **g)** The fence at the Cemetery is beautiful.

Joe Stragea: Spoke of mass murders happening from many sources, should not be a cry for new gun laws, which will not stop killings. Conversations need to be started. This can't be ignored. I will speak to anyone about it.

Tom Pirnstill: The Paula Pirnstill Health Fair is coming up on April 21st, with 80 exhibitors, a free healthy lunch and the Air Rescue helicopter is expected in at 9:30am. A Smoke Trailer is coming but I need a driver and vehicle to pick it up. Kevin volunteered and I have checked with Ken Lind and no addition insurance is needed. I just need permission from the board to allow to let this happen. (The board agreed)

Jim Monahan: Michigan Militia. Liberty and Freedom Spokesman. Will speak to anyone about it.

13. Old Business: Job description for the Transfer Station Monitor was distributed. The number of hours will be discussed at the Budget workshop meeting in April.

14. New Business:

- a. The Crooked Lake Gaming License. The board voted to approve the license.

15. Approval of Bills: A motion to accept all bills was made by Irwin and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

18. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm after a motion by Farwell, seconded by Yarhouse. Motion carried