

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 23rd, 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.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the April 23rd, 2018 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 26th, 2018 Regular Board Meeting by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell, and the April 17th, 2018 Budget Workshop Meeting was made by Roland, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4. Clerk's report:** Spoke of the new Qualified Voter File Programing.
- 5. Trustee Irwin report:** Attended the Road Commission meeting. Presented maps and graphs of the road improvement projects, done and being considered. They will be posted. A scheduled skip patch across Gibson will be done.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.
- 7. Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 23 runs for the month, 19 medical, 3-mutual aids, 1-downed tree. Mark Fouchey, Asst Chief, has stepped down to be a firefighter after 23 years of service. Kevin asked permission to place a bottle return container on the east side of the fire hall. He asked the board to also consider the legal hiring of experienced medical personnel, not to fight fires.
- 8. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. The county hired a new IT Person, but only part time, Nick Loomis. Renewed the 911 Contract. Sheriff Dept purchased a new RV, no new money.
- 9. Supervisor Notes:**
 - a. No flood damage for anyone in our township.
 - b. Clare County Road Commission will not be working on any of our any of our roads.
 - c. Emailed budget 2018-2019 updates to the board.

10. Public Comments:

Tom Pirnstill: Thanked the Fire Dept, Kevin and Jen and Joan'E for their assistance at the Health Fair.

Jim Green: Wants to know the township role in the Gray Lake Weed petitions.

Len Pilz: Eight Point Lake. Wants to circulate petitions for Sheriff Road Patrol protection for the township. Requested help. He will do this on his lake, but can't do the entire township. He will attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting on May 20th to attempt to form a committee.

Jessica Douglas: Willow Dr burned out property. Wants the remainder of the escrowed fire insurance money to place a temporary fence around the open foundation until the modular home arrives. (Township will pay for the crane when it comes and when the home is in place, then the rest of the money will be given to the owners. This is the way the rules are. Must stick to the rules, per the Fire Protection Act.)

11. Old Business: a. Transfer Station Monitor job description was approved by majority vote with one opposed.

b. Transfer Station Attendant. Hiring Committee consisted of Byl, Irwin and Scheall. Two candidates were hired. Raymond (Butch) Lufton and Ray Valmassio, highly experienced and recommended. Motion to approve was made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion of support was unanimous.

12. New Business: Waste Management Contract- Best deal for the township. We will receive ½ off the March bill, a savings of \$2,700. Three year contract. Full recycling is available. We have saved \$25,000 in 10 months. Motion to approve the three year contract was made by Farwell, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion Carried.

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

14. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk