

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 25th, 2018 7:00pm

- 1. The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief -Kevin Tubbs; Fire Dept Aux- Becky Gott, Jeanie Stewart & Janet Clayton-Friends of Garfield Township Parks and Clare County Commissioner- Dale Majewski.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the June 25th, 2018 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 15th, 2018 Special Budget Meeting was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse and May 21st, Regular Board Meeting by Irwin, supported by Farwell, All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried
- 5. Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 22 runs for the month, 16 medical, 1-structure, 2-Grass fires, 3-trees. Richard Gott and Sarah Williams passed their medical class, and Adam Gott passed the fire class.
- 6. Fire Dept. Aux:** Becky Gott. Pancake breakfast on July 14th combined with a canned food drive.
- 7. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski. Land Auction on August 24th at noon, combined with Gladwin. There is an opening in the Treasurer's office at the County building. A Jail Study is being conducted by the Sheriff office, for line by line costs vrs income.
- 8. Friends of Garfield Parks-** 1- Jeanie Stewart –The Trailhead is active. Lighting is coming and the Depot is being painted. She explained, via a Power Point presentation what equipment has been installed, ADA Porta John, 4 Bike Racks, Tire Fix-It Station, Air Pump, ADA Drinking Fountain w Spray, Trash container and Trash Recycle Station. 2- Janet Clayton—The Power Pole has been placed at a convenient location, but needs an additional pole for Consumers Energy to connect to. Our cost is a newspaper article in area newspapers. We are having a Hot Dog Sale on the 2nd & 3rd of July at Witbecks in Clare. Treasurers in the Trunk Sale is Saturday June 30th out near the Caboose.
- 9. KarL Zetting-Pickle Ball** –Made an appeal to the Board to think about converting the tennis courts into Pickle Ball courts, (could be used for both events by using different colors to mark the courts). Court, in its present condition, needs to be resurfaced. Four Pickle Ball courts would fit in one tennis court area. Game is played with a whiffle ball and honey comb paddle. He highly recommends these courts and will get costs that would be involved. This is a new craze all over the country.
- 10. Supervisor Notes:**
 - a. Release of balance for Woodland Dr. Check will be made to Clark Homes.
 - b. Civil Infractions have been filed with the 80th District Court.
 - c. Painting at the Depot should be done by July 4th.
 - d. The caboose fence is in process and looks great.
 - e. Sale at 8572 Eight Point Lake closed and Deed Registered.

- f. Transfer Station requests for new Business in July Board meeting
 - i. Speed bumps
 - ii. Scrap metal container to be lowered
 - iii. Asphalt maintenance

11. Public Comments:

- Lori Martin-County Clerk: Updates. Sent our 5,000 Jury questionnaires for 2019. August Primary Election ballots are being tested. CPL licenses have a new look. Renewal cost is \$10.00 can be renewed on line with the Michigan State Police. Staff Chief Judge, Meink- anyone owing fines or restitution to the county are being called for the fines to be paid or people could be arrested.
- Steve Lalond:. Has stuff on his property and had some moved on from the neighbors. He said ‘Do not call daughter’. The property is his. He has built a fence with 10 sections. It is red. He will blast anyone who comes on his property. “I have a gun”.
- Len Pilz: Now a Law Enforcement Board called Discovery Group consists of Ralph Stewart, Greg Bergtold, and Cindy Rank and Dennis Zimmerman. Lincoln Township has a contract for police coverage. Two full time officers for 70 hours a week. Cost \$9,000 per month. Coverage hours vary. They have an office at the township and fire hall. There are daily reports provided by the deputies. Contract is renewed every 10 years. Millage is at 1.25 per \$1,000 value. For a \$70,000 home value the cost would be \$87.50 per year. The Discover Group will attend the Neighborhood Watch Meeting.
- Darrell Runyon: Dislikes barcode stickers. Barcode can be scanned and all personal information can be accessed. This is a Hitler move. I will not have one on my car. I will dump my trash on the township Hall doorstep!
- Jessica Douglas: Ok with me if the check is made out to Clark Homes.
- Joe Strega: BYL! Fire out there, Long Winter-fire out there- including yell at me. Requires specifics. I am cleaning up. Just took several loads of scrap to Fair Salvage. Then got Blight Notice the next day!
- Dorn Blanchard: Last week minutes. Board asked how to get a proposal on the ballot. ‘We don’t take questions and answers here. Minutes said I fixed a hammer and gave it to a person who wanted to be a carpenter. I didn’t say that I said I would do it. We the people own the Transfer Station, did not add the Board.-----
June 30th. Treasures in the Trunk. Noted it is now by the caboose. No problem. Dump Rules. Illegal to remove stuff from the Transfer Station. Waste Management can take rules.....
- Peggy Lynch: Not enough stuff for our children to do. We take care of our children. You nag on everyone. Gave us a blight letter. Kids help us, no matter what. Two questions. What is your job, Blight Officer? Yes or no. Transfer Station people stand around and don’t help the people. Need to step up in the world so people don’t get hurt. Kid’s with no Dad or Mom! Step up, let’s do it for the children. What can we do? Kids are doing drugs and crime because of drugs. Put money on the kids. Have a park for the kids.
- Hosea (Joe) Rodriquez: got a blight letter-Citation-My mail box was ripped off three times. I am have 7 brothers out of 12. No flag. Group working on Meth Lab property on Federal Protection. People are stealing from me. I sleep in the car with a shotgun. Been here 17 years. Can’t get to Transfer Station. Truck is broke down.
- James Manahan: Michigan Militia-National Guard. Against Crime and Meth. 4th of July soon. Planned WWII Adopted township G E Griffin. Lost rights. Most of my friends got junk. How we have shows stuff to fix. Government governs least/ governs best. 1963 Michigan became a state in 1837. Read book ‘Creatcher from Jackle Island/ BBC on TV. A Beautiful job done on the caboose.
- Phillip Wentworth. Yard Sale picture. Harassment. Hired an attorney. Taught nine kids automotive skills. Yard sale twice a year.
- Becky Gott: So concerned about children? I’ve sat here and listened to two people threaten to kill people. Kids and violence really bothers me.

12. Old Business. Release of 8572 Eight Point Lake escrow funds. Board concurred.

13. New Business:

- a. Permit for Eight Point Lake Fire Works on 9-1 or 9-2, 2018, Motion to grant the permit made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b. Budget Public Hearing scheduled on July 10th, 2018 at 7:00PM
- c. Resolution to increase Employee Benefits, line item account 101-801-707.000 to \$1,500.00. Motion to approve the increase made by Farwell. Supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes, Irwin-yes. Motion carried.
- d. Resolution to increase the Transfer Station Contractual Service, line item account 226-536-818.000 to \$17,000.00. Motion to approve the increase made by Farwell. Supported by Irwin. Roll call vote: Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, and Yarhouse-yes. Motion carried.
- e. Resolution to increase the Perch Lake Contractual Service, line item account 841-445-818.000 to \$1,400.00. Motion to approve the increase made by Roland. Supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-yes, and Farwell-yes. Motion carried.

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

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk