

**Garfield Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 26, 2017 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, Irwin and Yarhouse absent. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; Shawn Deputies Gerbe and Humphrey-Sheriff Dept; Nathan Humphrey-Bay Scout; Lori Martin-County Clerk; Karen Stanton-DNR/ORV/ATV Safety Instructor and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Township Parks Committee.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the June 26th, 2017 with 2 additions. Old Business: b. Road Commission dollar match and the County Clerk. Motion to approve the agenda by Irwin. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 22nd, 2017 regular meeting with made by Irwin. Supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried
- 4. Clerk's report:** None.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Deputy Treasurer presented the report.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** None
- 7. Trustee Roland:** None.
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 26 runs for June, 17 were medical, 2 downed trees, 1 downed power line and 2 structure fires and 2 illegal burns, 1 mutual aids. (1 short) He reported that, S J Conroy will now be the lieutenant replacing T Hawley. The Fire Dept rating from ISO has been lowered to an 8B rate which will lower fire insurance premiums. Great job, Kevin.
- 9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Next car wash is July 15 from 10a-2p, and a reminder of the Meet and Greet Occasion. August 5<sup>th</sup> for the open house at the Fire Dept. There is a general membership meeting at 7:00pm Wednesday for anyone interested in joining the auxiliary. The sheriff dept. will be in attendance and will have ID kits to identify the kids.
- 10: Lori Martin, Clare County Treasurer:** No August elections and only Clare City has an election in November so far. The new election equipment will arrive in August, as will training. There is a new lobby in the court house, so no more standing in the hallway to conduct business. The county court system sent out 5,000 jury summon inquiries. Jury pay has been increased to \$15.00 for a half day and \$30.00 for a full day. The second days pay is \$22.00. The candidate fees to be in the state legislature has been increased. The county is invested in the Work Experience Program and hired a student who just graduated and Michigan Works will pay her wage for 6 months, then we can hire her if we wish to keep her.
- 11. Clare County Commissioner** – Garfield has 6 properties up for our Right of Refusal. Sheriff has a new dog in their canine training. The Court has an approval to replace an attorney who is leaving. . An adult Day Care will be opening in October, funded by grants. A question about road funding was asked. Commission has no authority in road funding but believe the chip & seal is helping to preserve our roads.
- 12. Karen Stanton.** Just became a certified instructor for DNR/ORV/ARV Safety. She wants to have classes for between 24-48 students, no matter the age. Classes are free. She requested to use the Township Hall for the classes. The board gave their approval for the classes. The DNR is opening

several old trails and some are near the old Garfield Dump, which could be dangerous. Property is now owned by the state. Property needs to be marked somehow that it is a dangerous location.

**13. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks**—The Committee has received several grants and personal donations to arrive at our \$98,000.00 matching funds for the Trailhead. Sag/Bay Win has mailed their \$10,000 grant to the committee. The committee will present the funds to the township at the July meeting at which time a resolution will be passed. (All funds must pass through the township) The Senate Bill 76 was finally passed

And sent to the governor for signing. This is our Grant for the Trailhead. The township will then prepare a resolution to accept the grant. The caboose move is waiting on a response from the DNR about the drainage at the new site. Then the caboose will be moved. All supplies needed have been donated by the railroad and we are ready to go.

**14. Nathan Humphrey-Boy Scout:** Troop 620. Working on his Community Merit Badge. His question to board members is: What is the board's largest challenge from the flooding in Isabella County? To provide mutual aid from our Fire Dept. and to assist with help for the displaced persons.

**15. Sheriff Deputies Humphrey and Grebe:** Garfield has had B&E's in a house and store, as well as vehicles. Make sure your cars and homes are secure. Someone on bicycles has been out late at night looking for places to break into. If complaints, call fire station. There has been thefts from boats. At night some boat with its lights out is scooping out boats and docks and vacant homes. Keep your eyes open. The marine officer will be patrolling. On the Rails to Trails, There are numbers along the trail. If an accident occurs, use these numbers as a location so emergency personnel can find you quicker. The Sheriff Dept. will also be at the Fire Dept. Meet and Greet with Child ID kits. For Fireworks, you can go one line to check ordinances as to what is allowed and timing. There were questions about all of the fireworks sales locations. Are they all licensed/ permitted? The State Fire Marshall is responsible for these sales. Visit the state website for more information.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING RECESSED AT 7:45PM**

### **Open Special Budget Meeting.**

- Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget. The supervisor discussed the budget with all in attendance having a summary copy of the budget expenditures. He discussed the expenditures of the different departments.
- A Public Hearing on the Solid Waste Assessment was discussed, No changes to the assessment.
- Public Hearing for the Fire Department Special Assessment. No Changes were necessary.

**Public Comment:** Keith Keeler: Hillcrest resident. Suggested not to allow the supervisor to be the Blight control person as it constituted a 'conflict of interest'. Suggested he be evaluated at 6 months by board inspection. Then renew contract or fire him. .This is a public benefit, no extra money involved.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING REOPENED AT 8:00PM**

### **16. Public Comment:**

- Dave Vasick: complaint about Scotty Dr. Trash and junk all over even in the water. .Also around the gas. Owner is moving but is leaving the place in a mess. He also thanked Shawn Gerbe, Sheriff Deputy for sitting out on Scotty drive to stop the speeders. This is a private drive so no enforcement can be done. The residents will call Lansing to see how to make the road public.
- Marty Rottiers: Friends Group. Even though the group has met their matching grant funds we are continuing to raise money. We receive really good comments. The Hot

Dog sale is at Witbeck's July 3<sup>rd</sup> and August 31, 2017 . A Cemetery fence update: there will be 40 sections, 10 are completely done. Each section has 14 pieces of steel, all welded with some bent bars. Painting and welding on all. . Awesome job.

- .Susie Mackley: Neighborhood Watch. She reported the Bass fishermen have no respect of the home owner properties. N W is getting many complaints. Need to check for ATV rules and regulations. Watercraft drivers need to carry their ID. Minors need to attend a Boater Safety class. You do not need to be a lake front property owner to attend the Neighborhood Watch.

#### **17. Supervisor Byl reported:**

- a. Brining on missed roads was done June 26<sup>th</sup>, today.
- b. Renewal of the Transfer Station Phone, Currently paying \$40.00, will raise to \$75.00 unless we call then \$55.00. Is it used to make calls? Yes we will renew.
- c. The July Board of Review is July 18, 2017 at 8:00am.
- d. The AMAR audit review is scheduled for 10:00am at the Court House.
- e. There will be a Sheriff Sale on July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 of 8729 Willow Dr. which had a fire and is totally boarded up.

#### **18. Old Business:**

- a. Blight Ordinance Control Officer approval.. Irwin made a motion to approve D Byl as the officer, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-abstained, Yarhouse-absent.
- b. Road Commission Match for Maple Grove Road. Approved in an earlier meeting. The contract needs three board member signatures. The signatures agreed upon were Byl, Roland and Irwin.

#### **19. New Business:**

- a. Approve Joy Hall as Perch Lake Twp Rep and Greg Kolodica as Alt Twp Perch Lake Rep. Motion to approve the appointments was made by Farwell, seconded by Irwin. Motion Carried
- b. Bid on the last Boat & trailer for \$213.00 was accepted by the board.
- c. Permit application for the Eight Point Lake Assn Annual Fire Works. Motion to allow the permit made by Irwin. Supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.
- d. Tax sale of 8809 Scotty Dr allows the township the 'first right of refusal'. The county has offered a 50-50 grant if the township would purchase the property. The township is excusing this right, unless the grant is awarded.
- e. Approval of the 30year Tri-County Electric franchise Resolution for 86 residents in Lake Approval of the resolution was made by Roland, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Roland-yes, Irwin-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes and Yarhouse-absent.
- f. Resolution to establish Township Supervisor Salary. Motion by Roland, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Roland-yes Irwin-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-absent.
- g. Resolution to establish Township Clerk Salary. Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-absent.
- h. Resolution to establish Township Treasurer Salary. Motion by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Yarhouse-absent.
- i. Resolution to establish Township Trustee Salary. Motion by Farwell, supported by Byl. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Yarhouse-absent.
- j. Resolution to approve wages for the fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion made by Irwin, Supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes and Yarhouse-absent.
- k. Resolution to adopt the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2017-2018, Motion made by Farwell, supported by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-yes, and Yarhouse-absent.

- l. Resolution to establish depositories at any Bank or Credit Union FDIC Insured for fiscal year 2017-2018. Motion made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes and Yarhouse-absent.
- m. Resolution to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Made by Irwin, Seconded by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes and Yarhouse-absent.
- n. Resolution to amend an increase in Legal Fees acct#101-101-826.000 by \$2,100.00 for 2016-2017. Motion to amend the budget for legal fees made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes and Yarhouse-absent.

**20. Approval of Bills:** Irwin made a motion to approve the payment of bills, Supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

**21.** Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell

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David Byl, Supervisor

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Joan E Farwell, Clerk