

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 23rd, 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. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Twp. Parks Committee; Sean Gerbe-Sheriff Deputy; Ken Lind, Lind Insurance
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the October 23th, 2017, with two additions. Motion to approve the agenda made by Farwell. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Special Meeting, was made after a change in the title from Workshop to Meeting and an addition to #7. Motion to approve the corrections was made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried
- 4. Clerk's report:** A special employee meeting is planned for Monday, October 30th, 2017 at 6:00pm for information on investments with John Hancock.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, Supported by Farwell, with concurrence from the treasurer that the report is comprised from the reconciliation of the bank statement with many outstanding checks noted as if cleared. A partial CD was cashed to cover any shortfall until our next Revenue Sharing. All ayes, motion carried Motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** None.
- 7. Trustee Roland:** Study Open Meetings Act.
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs:** reported 20-runs for July, 13-were medical, and 1-misc. fire, 2-downed power lines, 1-mutual aid, 1-tree and 2-PIs. Total for the year is 231 runs. Miranda Pittman stepped down. Two new cadets-Cyric Harmon and Wyatt Tubbs. Flag pole is installed.
- 9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary:** Becky Gott-Auxiliary Chair. Trunk or Treat Saturday 10-28-2017 at 6:00pm at the Fire Hall. Winterfest meeting on the 29th at 10:00am. New member is Dawn Runyon. Working on a plaque to thank donors for their flag pole donations.
- 10. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. Nothing to add.
- 11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks—**
 - a. Construction on the Trail Head was to start today, but because of the weather-didn't. We have flyers up at the General store, transfer station and township office to let people know what is going on. The contractor will work until November 17th and close down until April, 2018. Completion is scheduled be June 15th, 2018.
 - b. The idea for street lighting from Consumers Energy is tabled for now. Need to focus on the trailhead parking lighting. Met with McMillan Lighting Architects who are considering options.
 - c. Peterson Park Power Pole. Cost sharing still too much to be done this year.
- 12. Sean Gerbe-Sheriff Deputy:** Things are looking good. Received some incidents reported by the meeting participants. Some not reported to the Sheriff Dept. No reports, no action taken. Stressed, must report incidents to the Sheriff Dept.
- 13. Ken Lind-Lind Insurance.** Policy Premiums \$300.00 less this year. Elected official and fire fighters have vehicle coverage when on official business. Construction risk insurance is handled by the builder.
- 14. Gray Lake: Special Assessment request.** Sue Bergeson Chair-and committee members with a rep from PLM Lake & Management Corp for lake aquatic weed control petitions. Assessment to be for 5 years

and cover 1-control plant species; 2-improve and maintain the lake; 3-control algae; 4-implement the program; & 5- maintain property values. Timing would be to be ready for 2018 winter taxes and weed control to start for summer 2019. 3-public meetings commence in March-May. Will not be a sport lake. Lawyer Bluhm provided the sample petition. Township lawyer must approve the petition before anything else can be done.

15. Supervisor Notes:

- a. Adm Fee for Lake Improvement boards to be voted on during the November Board Meeting.
- b. FEMA-Muskegon River watershed affects for Garfield Township. Our township should not be affected.
- c. Road Commission Matching funds program. Pass for this year.
- d. Saupe Swine Production Facilities on Dover Road. Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development has approved the facility.
- e. Resignation of Erin Roland.
- f. 8 Point Lake property bid; minimum bid of \$5,000 as originally set.
- g. Good meeting on October 18, 2017

15. Public Comments:

Bill Scheall-Bid for Heat/Cooling Zones for the township building. Thanked Erin Roland for her service to the township. Matt Brassinger is seeking full time employment. Bill no longer able to remove brush/leaves at the Transfer Station.

Ralph Stewart- Chair of Point Lake Improvement Board. Their board approves the Adm Fee of \$50.00.

Joe Stragea-Regarding the minutes-bad statements-inaccurate.

Brad Beach-Good on inspections. Received 49 building permits-16 were pole barns, and 16 were carryovers from 2016. Lots of construction. Sales are up.

16. Old Business: None

17. New Business:

- a. Gray Lake petition. 103 lake front properties and 102 off lake properties. Township lawyer must approve the petition before the petition is circulated. Will have our attorney answer in November.

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

19. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk