

**Garfield Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 24th, 2016 7:00pm**

- 1. The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell, Irwin, Yarhouse and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams; and Jeanie Stewart-Grant Coordinator and several candidates seeking election for various offices.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the October 24th was approved with the addition of Ken Lind, after a motion by Farwell. Supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Board Meeting with a correction to the USDA top score for grants of 400 instead of 440 as stated. After a motion by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell One abstain due to being absent for the meeting. Four ayes.
- 4. Clerk's report.** Reminded everyone about the upcoming General Election on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Already have 243 AV Ballots in. Double the Primary.
- 5. Treasurer's report** was approved after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** Stated that the potholes on Lake Station have been filled. Eight Pt Lk and Cook Ave will be patched, but it is sinking and will be revisited in the spring.
- 7. Trustee Roland** Questioned the \$50.00 payment for weekend burials and the barcodes for the Transfer Station.
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 256 runs YTD. There is a total of 29 runs for September - 24 medical, 1 gas leak, 2 trees, 1 standby and 1 Chimney fires. This not documented in the past is that when fire fighters and officers who attend classes, we will just do mileage.
- 9. Clare County Commissioner** No report.
- 10. Ken Lind, EMC Insurance:** Briefly explained township insurance coverage in three parts. 1) the Package Policies, are handled by EMC 2) the Supplemental policies are for fire fighters and 3) the Accident Fund or Workman's Comp. He gave an example of how our coverage compares with other policies. There is a workshop available if we want it. ?? Concerns with resident's possibility of getting hurt at the Transfer Station. We have WC for employees and liability for residents. I would suggest certain designated areas where reusable item may be claimed. However, we also have free legal service with Heidi Hudson who will assist you in a program by asking you "What do you want to do or accomplish?" Tell her you are our client and she will assist you.
- 11. Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Read by K Tubbs, fire chief. Trunk or Treat will be from 5p-7p for Halloween on October 30<sup>th</sup>. The Winterfest meeting on 11-06-2016 at 7:00pm and the next Auxiliary meeting Wednesday November 26th at 7:00pm. Anyone welcome.
- 12. Jeanie Stewart,** We are in good stead for the \$10,000 grant request from Saginaw/Bay Watershed Initiative Network, They were impressed with our application. Final decision will be done in December. Also possibility for a grant from U S Fish and Wildlife Habitat for landscaping at the trailhead, like a pollinator garden, and plants that will support wildlife habitat. This would bring our donations to \$75,000.00
- 13: Candidates:** Pam Mayfield, County Clerk. Incumbent seeking re-election. Bob Townsend, running for State Representative for District 7 and Guy Stoner, running for Farwell School Board.

**14. Supervisor Byl reported:** on- 1) Cold Springs land dispute and \$500.00 would let us know where the boundary lines are. 2) Petty Cash Fund for the Clerk's office of \$100.00 for incident expenses like stamps. 3) Christmas decorations for the Depot from a local group. 4) Election Stipend for the Clerk because of the multiple elections and extra work involved. 5) Angela Malek - Complaint about blight at a neighbor's residence. 6) Lake Station Coal Tower Sign, Marty Johnson, Clare County Historical Society has a history about the Coal Tower to be placed on a sign, which is being reviewed by the DNR, to be mounted on the Coal Tower Pillars.

**15. Public Comment:**

Bill Scheall, -Trees at the cemetery removed in the rain, thank you to the guys who helped - stumps need removal. Brad Beach removed the stumps at no cost to the township. Robin and Terry Yarhouse donated the corn stalks and pumpkins decorating the Depot. And The Friends of Garfield Parks are doing an awesome job. Thanks to everyone.

Tom Pirnstill. Free bus service to the precincts on Election Day.

Consensus comments from the group on how nice the caboose looks. Thank you, Bernie Rottiers.

**16: Old Business:** None

**17. New Business:**

- a) Approval to amend the 2016-2017 Budget Accounts 226-801-707.000 for \$2,043.93 and 206-801-707.000 for \$1,271.14 to allow the township portion of the offered retirement benefit for Three Year employees. Motion to approve the amendment made by Irwin, supported by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Roland-yes; Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. All ayes. Motion carried.
- b) Eight Point Lake Imp, Mark Walter is resigning from the board of Eight Point Lake after many years of service. Committee would like the approval of the board to appoint Stu Terrell as his replacement. Motion by Farwell to accept the resignation of Mark Walter and appoint Stu Terrell as his replacement. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- c) Janitor Applications - We have received 4 and are expecting one more. Interviews will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. The maintenance supervisor, treasurer and clerk will conduct the interviews and appoint the janitor.
- d) Clare County Road Commission 2017 proposal-Two options offered of funds matching for our township. Option one: \$20,000.00 match for gravel material Option 2: \$40,000.00 match for chip and seal, or asphalt projects. Maple Rd & Smith Rd need to be done. Either option may be selected. Decision at the November meeting.
- e) I T Right Ant-Hacking software. To secure our system for remote control protection. Farwell made a motion to purchase the protection software for \$1,328.45, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- f) Bill Fahey, Attorney-Provided a Medical Marijuana Ordinance model to be considered. Cost not to exceed \$500.00. Also check the MTA website.
- g) Kevin Tubbs-Shared information on Security cameras for the Depot area. Costs range from \$400/\$700 per system. Individual camera cost is \$150/\$200 per camera. Ace Alarm has wireless cameras. Total package from Ace is \$2,692.00 w 8 cameras, Monitor, cables & hardware, Eight Channel storage. This could be considered as part of the grant expenditures from the Friends of Garfield Parks committee. D Runyon has seen kids climbing on the caboose, even on the roof.

**18. Approval of Bills** Motion to approve the bills was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39PM

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David Byl, Supervisor

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Joan E Farwell, Clerk