

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 20th, 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, Yarhouse and Irwin Absent. 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.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the November 20th, 2017, with the addition of an FYI about surrounding area Master Plans to the Supervisor Notes. Motion to approve the agenda made by Farwell. Supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the October 23th, 2017 Board Meeting was made by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried
- 4. Clerk's report:** A special employee meeting is planned for Tuesday, November 21st, 2017 at 7:00pm at the Fire Hall for information on insurance investments with John Hancock.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Motion to approve the report was made by Farwell, supported by Roland, All ayes, motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** Absent
- 7. Trustee Roland:** None
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs:** reported 15-runs for ~~July~~ October, 11-were medical, and 1-misc. fire, 2-mutual aids and 1-grass fire. Total for the year is 246 runs. Micaiah Gesinski stepped down. ~~MyOHSAA~~ MIOSHA will be visiting soon to do a walk through at the Fire Dept.
- 9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary:** given by K Tubbs. Trunk/Treat had 12 trunks and approx. 50 kids. Santa will be visiting the Fire Hall on December 16th at noon.
- 10. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. He mentioned Mark Fitzpatrick has left the office of building inspector, and applications are being taken. There is also an opening in the County Clerk's office. Our Animal Shelter has been awarded "Best in State".
- 11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks—**
 - a. Construction on the Trail Head is halted until April. There is a snow fence around the area. A notice has been sent to the Michigan Snowmobilers Assn to be careful in the area and stay on the trail. It will also be posted in the paper.
- 12. Supervisor Notes:**

An FYI that Lincoln and Surrey Townships are updating their Master Plans and copies will be forwarded to all adjacent townships.
- 13. Public Comments:** None
- 14. Old Business:** Deny/Approve the Gray Lake Petition. A motion to approve the petition for Gray Lake, ~~with any \$150.00 attorney fee to be paid by the Gray Lake Association~~, was made by Yarhouse, Supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes, Irwin-absent. Motion carried.

15. New Business:

a. Transfer Station leaves/brush disposal. Visits were received from the DEQ which were addressed by the supervisor to see if there were problems. No problems exist. However the burning of leaves, some with large branches, was causing re-ignition of the fire and return visits to the Transfer Station, which, in turn, caused concern about the tractor being at the TS overnight. (No transportation is available for the tractor. It must be driven there). This will be addressed further by the supervisor.

b. Martin Heating/Cooling quote for zoning the hall will be addressed in our budget workshops.

c. Approve/deny the \$50.00 Admin fees for Lake Improvement Boards will be addresses further in our budget workshops as to where it will be shown. A motion to approve the fees made by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes, and Irwin-absent. Motion carried.

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

17. Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm after a motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk