

Garfield Township
Un-Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 27, 2016
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, Farwell, Irwin, Yarhouse and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Clare County Dale Majewski, Julie Lightfoot, Road Commission and several candidates seeking election for various offices.
- 2. Agenda** The meeting agenda for the June 27th was approved with a motion by Roland, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 23rd Meeting were approved after a correction by the clerk Motion made by Irwin, and supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4. Treasurer's** report was approved after a motion by Farwell, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 5. Trustee Irwin** reported two road chip & seal projects, one on Cook Rd for \$16,330.00 and Maple Grove for \$23,254.00 the road commission to profit share \$20,000.00 so only a cost of \$3,254 to the township. Total cost would be \$19,254.00. Maple Rd 8,300.00 and Willow Rd for 18,000.00needs to be revisited for graveling. reported the cement barriers on the corner of US-10 and Lake Station were to repair the swamp area on US-10 just east of the intersection. The south side this year and the north side next year.
- 6. Trustee Roland** wanted to discuss the posting of Lake Access areas mentioned at the last meeting..
- 7. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 159 runs YTD. There is a total of 35 runs for June. 24 medical, 1 car/truck accident, 2 misc. fires, 2 grass fires. 1 downed power line, 2 car accidents, 1 gas leak, and 2 brush fires. Two new firefighters, Sarah Williams and Micaiah Gesinski, both passed class. We've has 6 Structure fires since we've had the new truck. It has been amazing. Tom Radewahn, presented the Fire Dept. with a new 6' X 10' flag.

Attendee comment. Neighbor placed a fence on the property line; 18" from her side door, making the door unusable. Now, she has only one door to exit the house. Fire safety states that a house must have two exits in case of fire. Where do I get help on this situation? Board took her information to check into the matter.
- 8. Clare County Commissioner** Dale Majewski left the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting for those who wanted them. The county entered into an informal inter-government agreement with Wexford County for the veterans. Utilizing the expertise of Renee Haley. The county is also into a hiring freeze. The retirement MERS program is running short of funds because of the low interest rates paid on investments. Kim Halas, Equalization taken another position. Her duties are being looked into to see how to best fill the job. To assign some duties within the department and possibly outsource part of the work. Starting the budget process.
- 9. Julie Lightfoot, Road Commission** with Dave, the foreman, presented the board with a list of the roads that were boom mowed and/or trimmed and the planned road 'skip patch' and 'chip & seal' plans for the rest of 2016. (List included at the end of these minutes). Have many Gravel Road Projects. In 2015 there were 5 miles to gravel, this year there are 26 miles. A question about loose stones/gravel on the intersections arose. A suggestion was made o use Trustees from the County Jail to clean the intersections. The Road Commission is planning a bus trip, with anyone interested, on September 28th at 10:30am to check out the road plans in our township. Dave fielded some questions from those in attendance.

10. Candidates: Lori Martin and Kim Davis, both vying for the County Clerk position. Jason Wentworth is running for State Representative for the 7th District. Barb Lijewski running for Township Trustee.

Board meeting called recess at 7:54pm.

Public Budget Meeting called to order:

- Preliminary Budget update changes were discussed.
- Public Hearing of the Solid Wates Special Assessment- No Change from previous year.
- Public Hearing of Fire department Millage- No Change from previous year.

Back to the regular board meeting.

11. Supervisor Byl reported:

- a. The Veterans Memorial Garden dedication in Harrison is now open and well worth visiting.
- b. The power pole estimate from Consumers Energy for Peterson's Park is \$1,500.00-too much
- c. Ed Stanek correspondence involving recovering unclaimed money (\$7,000.00) for a 25% fee. Discussion under Old business for next month.
- d. There will be a Drug Disposal drop-off at the township hall on June 8th,9- 12 sponsored by the Sheriff's Dept.as well as other medical supplies no longer needed may be turned over to Tom Pirnstill for people in need of these supplies. This whole drug effort was spearheaded by Tom through the Michigan Legislature.
- e. There are several Tax Sales within the township.
- f. He updated Blight issues on 4 properties..
- g. Address of 9372 Miles Rd to either be referred to Fahey for correct ownership or ticketed for blight.
- h. The Coal Chute clean-up has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 29, 2016
- i. A resident wants authorization to place her business signs in certain locations. The township has no authority over signs placed in the road Right-of-Way.
- j. First Right of Refusal List from Clare County for foreclosed parcels in Garfield Township. Motion to exercise the refusal made by Roland, supported by Byl. All ayes. Motion carried.

12. Public comment:

D R--Concerned about the Fire/Weather Warning Siren not working at the Fire Station. The siren problems are being checked by an electrician. There is also a problem as to whether the siren is used for a weather warning or a fire. Our system will not handle both.

J C--Would like a siren out in the Eight Point Lake area.

Garfield Township Road Repairs. M Irwin reported on US-10 just east of Lake Station will be repaired at the swamp area. This will be a 2 year project-the south side of the road in 2016 and the north side in 2017. The road is leaning into the swamp.

13: Old Business:

He also made a motion to fund the 'chip & seal' on Cook Rd for \$16,330 and Maple Grove Rd for \$23,254, for a total of \$39,584.00; \$20,000.00 to be profit sharing matching funds from the Road Commission. Total cost to the township would be \$19,584.00. Motion by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes. Irwin-yes, Motion carried.

Irwin made a motion to repair Maple Rd and Smith Rd for \$10,000.each in 2017. Seconded by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.

14. New Business:

- a. Resolution to Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Motion to adopt budget made by Yarhouse, support by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.

- b. Resolution to Establish Township Supervisor Salary, 2016-2017: Motion to approve salary made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.
- c. Resolution to Establish Township Clerk Salary, 2016-2017: Motion to approve salary made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-Yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.
- d. Resolution to Establish Township Treasurer's Salary for 2016-2017 made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. . Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Motion carried.
- e. Resolution to Establish Township Trustees' Salary 2016-2017: Motion to approve salary made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes. Motion carried.
- f. Resolution to Approve Wage Rates for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Motion to approve the wage rates made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes. Motion carried.
- g. Resolution to Approve Meeting Schedule for Fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion to approve the Meeting Schedule made by Roland, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Roland-yes, Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.
- h. Resolution to Continue Township Banking at any Clare County Bank that is FDIC Insured for 2016-2017: Motion to Continue the Township Banking at any Clare County FDIC Insured Bank Roll Call made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Vote: Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Irwin-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.
- i. Resolution to Amend 2015-2016 Budget
 - Increase Social Security 226-801-705.00 by \$600.00
 - Increase Medicare 226-801-706.00 by \$200.00
 Motion to Amend the 2155-2016 budget as noted made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes, Irwin-yes Motion carried
- j. Approval of Fire Work for Eight point Lake for September 3rd, 2016 or if rain, September 4th. Motion by Yarhouse to grant approval, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

15. Approval of Bills Motion to approve the bills was made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

16. Fire Dept CD. Yarhouse made a comment that there is a \$25,428.01 Fire Dept CD maturing on June 29th. Three scenarios 1) reinvest it. 2) renew only part of it or 3) cash it in. Interest is about a .40%. To renew the rate is 1.49%, APR 1.56%. Motion to cash it in made by Irwin, supported by Roland. Roll Call Vote, Irwin-yes, Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. Motion carried.

Question by Roland to Friends of Garfield Parks Committee: What is the Township's financial responsibility. Answer. Virtually none except that which had prior approval from the board.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm