

Garfield Township
Unapproved Regular Board Meeting Minutes
July 23, 2018 7:00pm

The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief -Kevin Tubbs, and Clare County Commissioner-Dale Majewski.

- 1. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the July 23rd, 2018 was approved by a motion from Yarhouse, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 2. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 10th, 2018 Special Budget Meeting and Public Hearing was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse All ayes. Motion carried.
- 3. Clerk's Report:** Need for the Election Commission Committee Meeting.
- 4. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Irwin. All ayes, motion carried
- 5. Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 28 runs for the month, 22 medical, 1-structure, 3-downed Power Lines, 1-mutual aid, 1-misc fire, 1- illegal fire. Had helicopter training on the 10th of last month at Eight Point Lake.
- 6. Fire Dept. Aux:** Becky Gott. Pancake breakfast on July 14th, 2018. They earned \$345.00. 79 people attended, some from other fire departments and public servants, also.
- 7. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski. County dispatch hire a part time employee. The County is facing a potential 14% increase in their Health Insurance premiums. The next Land Auction is August 4th, 2018 in Clare for Clare and Gladwin County properties.
- 8. Len Pilz**–Proposal for Law Enforcement coverage. Their committee named 'Discovery Group' met on June 25th, 2018 and consists of Greg Bergtold, Cindy Rank, Ralph Stewart and himself. They attended to Neighborhood Watch meeting on July 9th. Enforcement response time has increased since March. Michigan State Police will not be part of the coverage. Jason Wentworth suggested the committee might be able to get a grant. A preliminary meeting was scheduled with the undersheriff, and if a contract is entered into, it must spell out the needs. i.e. have an officer to work on drug cases, for instance. Cost of one officer on average is \$32,737, based also on number of properties. With the data collected, they could possibly make some recommendations at the August Meeting.
- 9. Blight Ordinance Control Officer** report: Distributed to the board with updated details of what is occurring with each property.
- 10. Supervisors notes**
 - Sand at West Beach. A property owner on Eight Point Lake will pay &75.00 for the cleanup of the area.
 - Deed to Peterson Park. Consumers Energy requested a copy of the Deed of ownership for the park., which is in the name of the township. Need a pole to complete the project.
 - Michigan Blood would like to hold a blood drive at the township. It has been declined due to many drives having been cancelled by them in the past.
 - Refinish the Hall Flooring. A bid of \$3,200.00 has been received from Rustic Hardwood Flooring.

11. Public Comments:

- Darrell Runyon: This is a meeting for the towns people to talk to the board. You work for us. I have a serious matter. Theft of land! Cutting trees and letting the fall in the lake, I contacted the DEQ and DNR. My property, I own land, Will talk to Mitch. I pay taxes on access, I have already paid. Will someone donate their 3 minutes to me?
- Marlena Terrian-Central Dispatch –The proposal on the august ballot is a 6 year renewal, not for new charges, from 2019-2024. We need a part time experienced dispatcher.
- Joe Strega He understands on August 7th, proposal to renew Senior Millage for \$500,000. of which \$67,000 is for our township. The DAV and township individuals have stepped up for our seniors. Think about where your tax money is going for the Senior Millage. Mr Runyon has brought up a point! Threatens violence. Too many people are claiming ownership of easements and using them. I have a right to use a road- road is blocked so can't use it. What is board's opinion of access and Right-of-Way.
- Karl Zetting Last month I presented a Pickle Ball proposal. Expanded to include two more options at the tennis courts. Anything I can do to help? Here's my number.
- J R Progg 11020 Alpine Dr. The people on the board deserve your understanding. Problems with easements and Right-of-Ways are not unique and have been under-fire for many years.

12. Old Business. None

New Business:

- a Robin Yarhouse. Clarification about giving out permits for the transfer Station. Now there is a permit form for people to fill out? I just want to understand how it is being done. We need a good way of getting permits out to our residents.
Byl- This has been an evolving nightmare. So many residents have not been using permits, but are still using the Transfer Station. (Many non-residents have also, been using our Transfer Station) We are needing to confirm our property owners. If we can't place the sticker on the vehicle, the sticker will be given to the Transfer Station attendants, via the form to place on the vehicle. Jen has been passing these out at the Transfer Station. We also have people refusing to want the sticker, so cards with their names on are being used, which could be challenged for IDs. Renters are being given cards. This is now working well.
- b. Transfer Station – Speed Bumps; Scrap Metal Container lowering; Resurfacing the lot.
- c. Election Commission Meeting scheduled immediately follow tonight's Board meeting
- d. Increase Contractual Services for Eight Point Lake 845-445-818.000 by \$25,000 for the Budget 2018-2019 Due to extra aquatic control. Motion bu Irwin, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Motion carried.
- e. Agenda Change: Garfield Township Employment Management Policy. A special meeting was requested by three board members to review our employment policy. The meeting is set up for Wednesday August 15, 2018 at 7:00pm

13. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve all bills was made by Irwin and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

14. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. Motion carried