

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 24th, 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 September 24th, 2018 was approved by a motion from Irwin , supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 2. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th, 2018 Budget Meeting was made by Roland, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried
- 4. Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 243 runs YTD. With 35 runs for the month, 19 medical, 1-misc fire, 4-downed trees, 3-mutual aid, 2 PI's and . He reported Robert Miller stepped down as he is working out of town. He also has 3 new fire fighters, Chris Hilyard, Marshall Shay and Jerry Mertons-as driver only. A motion to approve the new fire fighters, pending a background check and physical was made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried
- 5. Fire Dept. Aux:** October 20th, 6:00pm to 8:00pm Trunk/Treat. The Haunted Forest event will be three days-October 26th-28th, 2018 at 8675 Maple Grove Rd..
- 6. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski. Distributed meeting minutes. State Senate Bill 1031 is introduced to reduce Utility Company's property taxes. It happened a few years ago and reduced revenues in the county by \$410 thousand dollars, which also reduced township revenues. Notify your state representatives. The commission passed the budget for \$13,720,837.00 Lots of building permits are being purchased.
Comment from attendee—Utility bills are not being reduced, I still pay the same or more!
- 7. Friends of Garfield Township** president-Jeanie Stewart--Trailhead almost complete, message board and couple benches to be done yet. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be on October 6th. There are flyers out. Bike ride at 9am Ribbon cutting at 11am. There are 25 Scarecrows to be assembled as a project for kids. Donuts and cider will be available.
Barb Lijewski- Our Treasures in the Trunk on 9-22-2018 by the pavilion netted \$700. A bake sale at Jay's on November 18th, 2018. From noon to 5:00pm.
- 8. Blight Ordinance Control Officer** report: Distributed to the board with updated details of what is occurring on 19 properties. Showed a before/after of a lake front property that was cleaned up after 4 years. Discussed paper work for 9850 S Lake Station, sold at sheriff sale. Cost is \$250. for the Title Search. Motion to accept the report by Roland, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 9. Supervisors notes**
 - The Road Commission is having a ribbon cutting ceremony at Old US27 Park.
 - Because of the smaller grass sections at the depot a smaller push mower is needed so mowing can be done.

10. Public Comments:

- Darrell Runyon-Presented a Lake Littering notice from the DNR.
- Lori Martin, Clare County Clerk Talked about the upcoming General Election and the three proposals. 1. Marijuana legalization 2. Redistricting and 3. Election voting changes. Her office is talking to local schools and colleges to encourage students 17.5 years or older to exercise their right to vote. Registration deadline is October 9th. She attended a Register of Deeds conference, where notarization of documents may be able to be done online or via cell phone. County clerks are opposed to this because it would be too easy to create fraud.
- Len Pilz-Freeman Township does not want to share police protection.

11. Old Business-

- Review job descriptions. Much discussion ensued. Maintenance hours will be reviewed.

12. New Business:

- Metro Act ROW Permit 5 Year Extension. Motion to approve was made by Farwell, Seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Carried
- Tire disposal at the Transfer Station. A motion to discontinue the disposal because of the high cost was made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Carried
- Election Commission Meeting. Meeting to be October 3rd at 7:00pm.

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

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk