

**Garfield Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26th, 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 excused. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams; and Jeanie Stewart-USDA Grant Coordinator and several candidates seeking election for various offices.

**2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the September 26th was approved including the addition of Julie Lightfoot, Clare County Road Commission and candidates running for political office after a motion by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Board Meeting after a motion by Irwin supported by Farwell and the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 12<sup>th</sup> were approved with a motion by Farwell, supported by Irwin. All ayes,

**4. Clerk's report.** The clerk mentioned the Quilt Block Tour on October 11<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$10.00 to see the quilt blocks displayed on various buildings and also see the fall colors. She reported that Martha Rottiers was officially retired, but will still be around as an election inspector and other committees she is involved in. Therefore, the new Deputy Clerk is Janet Clayton. Farwell made a motion to remove retired the Township Clerk Martha Rottiers as a signer of the checking account and approve newly appointed Deputy Clerk, Janet Clayton as a signer on the checking account. All ayes. Motion carried.

**5. Treasurer's report** was approved after a motion by Farwell, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6. Trustee Irwin:** Stated that there are potholes in the road leading to the Transfer Station that need to be filled.

**7. Trustee Roland** Excused

**8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 223 runs YTD. There is a total of 23 runs for August - 17 medical, 1 downed power line, 1 mutual aid, 1 illegal burn, 1 fire and 2 Grass fires. The Fire Chief has contacted ISO who classifies the Fire Dept. ratings for home owners insurance, should be a better rating because of the new equipment we have.

**9. Clare County Commissioner** Dale Majewski. Left the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting for those who wanted them. There will another Land Auction on 9-27-2016 to sell the remaining properties not sold at the first auction. The County Budget finalization meeting is coming up and the budget should be approved.

**10. Julie Lightfoot. Road Commission.** Reviewed the road construction completed during the year. She explained Brush spraying and Boom mowing along the roadways. ?? An MMR employee asked if there was a way for the Road Commission to let Central Dispatch know what roads are under construction. Answer: Dispatch should be already be notified. ?? about tree trimming. Trees on Woodview need to be removed. They are leaning over the road.

**11. Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Read by K Tubbs, fire chief. A thank you for the can drive. The first Winterfest meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Trunk/Treat on October 30<sup>th</sup> at the depot.

**12. Jeanie Stewart, Friends of Garfield Township Parks:** 1) The USDA Grant has given our grant request a potential score of 440. We currently have a score of 310 which will soon be increased to 380. 2) She attended a Sag/Bay water Shed Initiative Meeting and submitted a grant application for \$10,000. Their next meeting is in December. 3) Janet Clayton donated a banner to the Friends of Garfield Parks committee to use at fund raisers. 4) Donations have totaled \$10,810 in 2016 and pledges in 2017 are \$675; 2018 \$1,075. The Bike Ride raised \$875 and Witbeck's Hot Dog Sale raised \$121.00. Grand total raised and pledged to date towards our \$98,000 grant matching funds is \$65,806. 5) October 8<sup>th</sup> is a Family Fun Ride. Donations will be accepted but no charge to the riders. T-shirts will also be available for sale. 6) We also have a Facebook page, Check it out.

**13. Brad Beach-Assessor-** reported on the Assessment State Audit. They reviewed several things, including maps, vacant sales, and reasons for adjustments to property values. Audit went very well and the Assessment Policy with the adoption date and office hours needs to be approved by the board. Irwin made a motion to adopt the policy, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Mark-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes. Roland-excused. Motion carried.

**14. Bill Scheall, Maintenance Foreman:** Had a list of Transfer Station Requests:

- a) Pavilion like shed for items to be recycled for township residents, similar to the Amish horse stalls, to be behind the Transfer Station office.
- b) A donation can for a good cause in the township, i.e. help a needy family at Christmas for example
- c) Clip board for residents to request specific item should they happen to be discarded.
- d) New signage for the entrance, similar to the Depot sign.
- e) Hard hats to wear if working in a dumpster
- f) New colored barcode stickers for easy identification
- g) No disposal of dead animals in up-dated Ordinance-Example-skunks have been deposited and it makes a nasty workday.
- h) A laptop for paperless tracking and issuing of barcode permits which will provide up to date information at all times.
- i) Budget for incidental supplies, like gloves, vests, etc.
- j) Keep trash items enclosed while in transport to the Transfer Station.
- k) Keep tire disposal year round.
- l) Arrows for the dumpsters to be use.

He also noted our township janitor has resigned.

**15: Candidates:** Pam Mayfield, County Clerk. Incumbent seeking re-election.

**16. Supervisor Byl reported:** 1) Letter received from Wayne Saupe to start a pig processing business on his farm property. 2) Medical Marijuana Dispensaries have been approved by the state and we need to be aware of this. 3) Office Remodel-Bids have been received from M A Builders, Inc, to install new ceilings in office and meeting room, LED lighting, (Electrical rebates would be forthcoming).repair floor joists in storage area and repair outside soffit that the

racoons have damaged. Total bid\$16,000; Carpeting from Woods for \$4,000; and Thornton Painting of walls for \$935. Remodel not to exceed \$21,000. Motion to accept the bids made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Yarhouse- yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-excused. 4) Bid from Wirth Const. and Landscaping to place a vinyl fence and some trees at the township. Sexton requested no One Way Signs be posted because of burial spots and not enough room off the road for the funeral processions if signs are used. The board approved the removal of the 3 evergreens in the front of the cemetery for a cost of not more than \$1,000. 5) Place Camp Neyati on the tax rolls for use of the Transfer Station. 6) Extra \$50 fee for burials on weekends to be paid to the Sexton.

### **17. Public Comment:**

Susan Mackley, The coal chute cleaned for emergency fup in the late spring already has more graffiti on it. Will that also be a problem with the newly painted caboose? What about trail cams or security cameras to install and the cost?

Dan Kalahar, Cemetery. Respect and damages.

Tom Pirnstill. Thank you for emergency treatment received and he also commented on the possibility of Marijuana dispensaries in the township.

Steve Conroy received his Eagle Scout Reward for his efforts on the caboose restoration.

Wyatt Tubbs: Why not have pictures/murals on the coal chute?

Laura Holcomb. Has someone to cut down the trees at the cementery.

Jeanie Stewart. Could be a good idea but we are waiting on word about the coal chute becoming a historical site. We need to wait.

**18: Old Business:** Dates for follow-up meeting to continue the transfer station ordinance to be set next meeting. Transfer Station Ordinance tabled

- Tree removal quotes from Ralph Hubbard for \$1,000. Motion to accept the quote by Farwell, Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, Irwin-yes. Roland-excused. Motion carried.
- Colored barcode Stickered for the Transfer Station to be ordered, Cost not to exceed \$900.
- Ditch fill-in at the end of East St. Permit cost is \$115.00. Motion to approve the fill-in because of the soil erosion problem, not to exceed \$1,000. made by Irwin, Supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes. Roland-excused. Motion carried.

### **19. New Business:**

- a) An ad for the sale of for 8572 Eight Point Lake, via sealed bids. Township has costs of \$6,185 in the property which had burned. State equalized is \$3,600 assessed at \$7,178.
- b) An ad for the sale of the boats at the Transfer Station. Township to accept sealed bids, by boat, Will be placed on the website. for not less than \$2,000.

**20. Approval of Bills** Motion to approve the bills was made by Yarhouse, supported by Byl. All ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48PM

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David Byl, Supervisor

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Joan E Farwell, Clerk