

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 22, 2021

Called to order at 7:08 pm (via Zoom) by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed, no changes made. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the February 25, 2021 minutes was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Clerks report was made by Clayton and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Roland and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. Yarhouse balanced with the County with property tax money.

Greg Bergtold reported that some items that have been discussed on the USDA grant is proposed having food trucks come into our area. They have proposed a Food Truck Ordinance. Greg Bergtold filled us in on the grant update. Community Image Builders did the study and came up with a top 3 that would benefit our town.

\*\* Food / Outdoor Activity- Sporting Goods / Incubation of home businesses -Food trucks would be seasonal to serve the needs. Looking at issuing permits in our Township to make sure they meet the Health code guidelines, where they will set up, etc. The Board was given a copy of the proposed ordinance. Roland questioned Bergtold how this effect our current places where people can eat. Bergtold said they are looking at specialty trucks like BBQ, Mexican, etc. food trucks.

**Fire Report:** Runs of 2/22/21 – 3/19/21.

11 Medical / 2 Mutual aid / 2 fires / 12 for the month 51 year to date.

New applicants for the fire department-Emily Lauer & Dennis Light. Motion to approve the new applicates made by Roland and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Upcoming plans to because of Covid Winterfest this year was canceled, and a plan is being made for June 5, 2021 starting at 7:00 am. The plan is to start with a pancake breakfast and make it a day long fundraiser and open house. More plans to come!

Dale Majewski gave the County Commissioner report. Letters were sent for targeted for gypsy moth and some residents have opted out of having their property sprayed, this will affect how the program will go. He reported that due to Covid there is some relief money coming to the County and the Townships over the next 2 year.

**Supervisor Notes:**

Byl has appointed Marty Rottiers as his deputy supervisor.

Looking to outsourcing the sexton/cemetery maintenance job. Vaughn Jenkins does this job for Surrey Township. This will be put on new business for April.

Crooked Lake Fireworks would like to use the Township property on Hillcrest. Board saw no problem. Property at 8572 W. Eight Point Lake Rd has been sold.

Horizon Tree Service has been contacted for work needed to be done at Cold Springs and our Cemetery.

Veterans Memorial Day Race will be on 5/29/21.

Repair work will be done on the CAT 416c.

Tom Prinstill is stepping down from the Board of Review. Tom Radewahn will take his place on the board.

Budget workshop will be on April 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm

Entrance ramp to the hall-JD Metalworks in Clare has been contacted. Roland asked about a possible cement ramp.

Nest thermostat has been installed in the Township garage.

Cork strips have been installed in the hall for renters to use for posters, balloons, etc.

Civil violations have been sent to Jose Rodriguez property for the junk vehicles on his property.

Several violations have been sent out to residents with junk/trash.

**Public Comment:** No comments

**Old Business:** Approval for Gray Lake assessment roll call;

Byl – yes / Yarhouse – yes / Roland – yes / Lard – yes / Clayton – yes. Motion to approve was made by Clayton and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Maintenance update: We have received 2 application for this position. SJ Conroy is one of the applications and has been on the fire department for 19 years.

Butch Lofton will take care of the maintenance at the Transfer Station.

Kevin Tubbs will continue to plow and submitted a bid for mowing and clean up & care of the Depot area. Tubbs proposal is ala-cart.

Byl said that the north side of the trailhead may need to be sprinkled, this will be discussed at the April 7<sup>th</sup> budget meeting.

**New Business:** Resolution for Gateway Title to close on property located on Terry St This gives David Byl, Supervisor authorization to act as agent for Garfield Township. . Resolution Vote: Byl – yes / Yarhouse – yes / Roland – yes/ Lard – yes / Clayton – yes. Motion to accept this resolution was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of March bills in the amount of \$46,512.11. Motion by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is April 7, 2021 at 7:00pm is a budget workshop at the Township but will be available via Zoom.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Byl. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton