

Garfield Township
Budget Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2024, 2024

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor David Byl, leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes, with a correction to the Board Meeting date showing 5/9/2024 and should be 5/20/24. The motion to accept was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

- **Fire Department:** Kevin gave a wish list to the Board. A device called Lucas Device was on the top of the list. This device does chest compressions until the patient is transported to a medical facility. This device is \$20,701.91.
- Kevin gave a breakdown to the Board. His suggestion was to hold off on replacing the Rescue, he would still like to replace the Squad and said it is the next one on the rotation of vehicles. Kevin informed the Board of what the main use is for on the Squad. He would like to start looking for the updated vehicle.
- Pay off the loan on the truck in the fall from USDA Loan, approximately \$148,000.00.

Supervisor Notes:

- It is possible that we will lower the millage for the Fire Department.
- The Board can plan on voting on the Lucas Device at the May Board meeting.
- The Board can vote on the Squad.
- Byl suggested we wait until the CPA does the audit to pay off the loan, so we have a true picture.
- Byl wanted to thank the Board for such a quick turnaround on the response of the sculpture.
- The MTA emails have been about Revenue sharing (CVTRS) for Townships.

Board:

- Treasurer: Yarhouse has a few minor changes to her budget, especially a raise in postage.
- Clerk: Clayton made a few minor changes, raise the budget in elections.
- Trustee: Lard said all looked good. Roland said the Board meeting date was wrong in November of this year. It will be corrected from 11/27/24 to 11/25/24.
- Supervisor: Byl felt we could lower the millage by .25 for the Fire Department.
- The Transfer Station is still looking at the cost of black top/paving.
- Retirement is facing more activities.
- ARPA money is going to be used for the Super 6 project- reach out to the County to see if they will split the payment owed.
- The new salary rate schedule was given out.
- Byl asked SJ about his wish list-Dump trailer/sky lift/power sweeper.

New Ideas and Goals for the Township:

- Byl asked the Board that since we didn't get the Spark Grants for the park on South Lake Station that maybe with help, we can apply for the DNR Grant from the DNR, our 5-year plan would need to be updated. Lard asked if the DNR would have full say in how the money is used? Byl felt it would be different in this case because we own the property.
- Clayton spoke about the Assignments/Duties that the Board received, many duties are done outside the statutory duties and currently fall on the Supervisor and Clerk's shoulders. Clayton asked the Board for better communication between the Board.
- Byl received a call from the Road Commission about property on Hillcrest. A complaint letter was sent to the Road Commission about updating this road. Currently there are about 30 lots and with the 50/50 split with the Road Commission, the residents would share in their 50% of \$16,391.70. Byl suggest we

send letters out and see the interest in having this project done. Down the road, should the Board consider road millage?

Public Comment: Public comment was held.

Adjourned: 8:15 pm -Motion was made by Lard.

The board meeting is 5/22/2024 6:30 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk-Janet Clayton