

April 27, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
April 27, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Irwin, Roland and Rottiers. Also present were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Deputy Sheriff Garchow, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chair Jeanie Stewart, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman and 11 citizens.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Jordan Wentworth.

Byl reported an additional agenda item to approve fireworks permits needed to be added the New Business portion of the meeting.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve minutes of the April 13, 2015 Special Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Rottiers, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 35 runs, 25 of which were medical, one down power line, four mutual aid, one personal injury, three grass fires and one illegal burn. He also reported that 911 is up and running, Lucky Hatt had stepped down from the department, had attended a FDIC conference in Indianapolis and researched some purchasing for the upcoming budget year and met with some upper management personnel from Kenworth and software company.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

No Road Commission, Blight or Sheriff's report.

Byl met with blight officer and discussed goals and accomplishments.

Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reported a successful March 28 Easter Egg Hunt and April 18 Health Fair and upcoming events including a hot dog sale at Witbeck's in Clare on May 9, car wash on May 16 and discussion continues about a summer fun day at the park.

Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart indicated a change in the name of the committee to Garfield Township Parks Committee, the DNR lease has been signed, a letter has been developed to send out to businesses and organizations for support and a tentative date is being looked at for the next town hall meeting.

There was no correspondence.

Supervisor Byl reported the following:

- Last year the township had paid for pellets to be used at Peterson Park and Cold Springs. It is possible that the company that treats Crooked Lake can help out with this problem. More to come next month.
- Reported on the two-day conference he attended.
- Reported on the workshop held at the township presented by Jerry Becker.

- Recognized the Lake Firefighters€™ Auxiliary for their participation in the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair.
- Letter from attorney sent to the Cook€™s Landing organization.
- Additional stickers received for the transfer station.
- New flags ordered

Under Old Business, Byl reported he had talked with Greenscape and we are set to go under the same conditions as last year for tire collection indicating he would like to do three pickups. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin, to approve three tire pickups, Memorial to Labor Day. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported that, at the January meeting, the Township Board voted to approve meeting with the Clare County Road Commission to develop a plan to determine the best areas to gravel 3 inches for 5 miles at a cost of \$75,000 and bring back to township for approval.

Trustee Irwin then gave details of the Clare County proposal and indicated that at the next Clare County Road Commission meeting he would ask questions regarding the graders coming out. With Gibson Road being a main road to Lake, it needs to be fixed. It was also indicated that Covert and Hart Roads at West Beach need to be checked and felt that no dollars should be committed to the road commission until they come to grade some of the roads.

The purchase of a new utility trailer at a cost of \$2150 was discussed and motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, to approve the purchase. All ayes, Motion carried

Under New Business the following was reported:

- Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers to accept the resignation of the Janitor. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Board members will provide their input for a Janitor Job Description to the Clerk and these ideas will be incorporated into a job description for approval.
- It was requested that a portable toilet be installed at Eight Point Lake€™s Garfield Beach from Memorial Day through Labor Day. One of the concerns that was mentioned was to make sure the bathroom could be secured. Motion to contract with Countywide to install a handicap portable toilet at Garfield Beach from Memorial Day through Labor Day by Rottiers, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Byl indicated that the additional cost to keep the Transfer Station open on Wednesdays year-round would cost approximately \$15,000. It was indicated that the Ordinance would have to be re-written and provided at the next board meeting. Then it would have to reviewed and approved at the following board meeting.
- Per the Budget meeting, Kevin presented the budget for 2015-2016 indicating a need for leaf springs on two fire trucks. The quote he received from McVeigh is for \$1850 per truck and includes \$360 for labor. Motion to approve replacing the leaf springs at a cost of no more than \$4,000 by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried
- Motion to approve a check to be issued to McVeigh Brake and Shock by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Resignations from the Crooked Lake Inland Lake Board have been received from Rich Reuter and Bob Lijewski. Motion to accept the resignations of Rich Reuter and Bob Lijewski by Rottiers, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint Greg Bergtold to the Crooked Lake Inland Lake Board by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion to appoint Dave Byl to the Crooked Lake Inland Lake Board by Rottiers, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Motion to approve the fireworks permit for Eight Point Lake for September 5, 2015 with a rainout date of September 6, 2015 by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the fireworks permit for Crooked Lake for July 11, 2015 with a rainout date of July 12, 2015 by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Under Public Comments, Kevin Tubbs indicated that there is a pipe sticking out on the road at 620 Hillcrest, L.G. Roberts indicated that the community members present should be able to comment on items to be approved before action is taken and Ralph Stewart indicated that he had not heard of any break-ins happening over the winter and feels we are getting our money's worth with the extra patrol.

Motion to pay bills and wages totaling \$32,992.35 by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.