

Township Board meeting Minutes

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August 26, 2013

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 26, 2013
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dave Majewski and 14 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 36 runs, 28 of which were medical, 2 structure fires, 3 mutual aid, 3 miscellaneous which included 2 gas leads and 1 illegal burn. He also reported a second recyclable can drive at Eight Point Lake and Crooked Lake to raise funds for the department, the weather warning siren is installed and operational and will be tested. Discussion regarding security and when it will be completed indicated that Johnson Garage had ordered the bottom panel and the garage door will be repaired when the part is received. The security system will be installed after the company completes another job commitment.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report and distributed information regarding activities at the county level.

Public Participation

- Jean Gaskill, Librarian from Surrey Township Public Library, reported that 48% of Garfield Township residents have a library card and provided information regarding programs and services at the library.
- Jeff Short spoke to the Board regarding starting a Little League team in Lake for 9-13 year olds.

There was no correspondence

Byl reported the following:

- Touched base with Ron at the Road Commission who indicated that nothing will be done until next year, but will try to patch up drains that are sinking.
- Nuisance report was provided in printed form.
- The Crooked Lake Improvement Association would like to contribute a sign welcoming people to Lake installing it on the west property line of the Depot property.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the CLIA putting a sign welcoming people to Lake. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Discussion followed regarding the survey of the Depot property.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to pay Lapham Associates no more than \$500 to have the four stakes put on the property to identify the property lines. All ayes. Motion carried.

- The Depot second floor has been straightened up by Bill and his group.
- The CLIA and Neighborhood Watch would like to hold their October meetings at the Depot.
- Maintenance update included the bathroom renovations at Cold Springs have been completed. Brush has been cleaned up at the Transfer Station. The cleanup was accomplished before the DEQ requested same. Two old signs on Gibson Road have been removed.
- Roads were brined. There is an issue with one resident. A report indicated that the brine we are using on the roads is legal.
- Assessor activities include being out in the field and slowly working on a BSA software update. He also indicated that all of the properties from the tax sale were sold.
- Reported that Supervisor and Clerk had attended a MTA financial seminar at MSU indicating that he would like to look at contracting with a new CPA firm.
- Reported on the incident when the table in the hall broke.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to purchase 8 new tables for the hall. All ayes. Motion carried.

- Byl reported to the Board regarding the Maintenance Supervisor's cell phone being destroyed while he was working. Discussion followed.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to purchase a cell phone for the Maintenance Supervisor if the cost remains the same as the cost is now, but not over \$50 per month. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business

- Byl reported that all of the conditions for use of the Transfer Station were put on paper and fliers passed out at the Transfer Station.
- Byl reported that a grant for security purposes had been approved by the MTA.
- Byl reported that he has received information that people are putting trash in the Transfer Station dumpsters after hours and that more steps need to be taken to tighten up access to the Transfer Station.
- Byl indicated that Rod Williams, blight officer for Surrey Township, Farwell and another township has effective practices for getting blight cleaned up in those areas and indicated that he would invite him to be on the agenda for the next meeting to hear about his program.
- Byl indicated that he will keep the township-owned lots on the agenda for possible sale.

New Business

- Change in Township meeting times.

Motion by Roland, supported by Yarhouse, to change the meeting time from 7:30 to 7:00 p.m. beginning with the September 2013 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

- A temporary emergency shelter request came from the Clare County Office of Emergency Management for facilities for temporary shelter capabilities throughout the county.

Discussion followed regarding involvement of the Red Cross, a generator, getting the basement door fixed, and liability. Decision was made to table to work on the request.

Motion by Roland, supported by Irwin, to approve bills and wages for August of \$52,931.25. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.