

August 25, 2014

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 25, 2014
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:04 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 Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Road Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Clare County Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski, Candidate Jerry Burger and 19 citizens.

Motion to accept the July 28, 2014 meeting minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried

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

Treasurer Yarhouse gave details of the need to replace her computer. Following discussion, motion to approve purchase of a new computer not to exceed \$1,000 by Roland, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 27 runs, 21 of which were medical, 2 mutual aid, 1 standby, 1 miscellaneous fire (parasailer caught in a tree), and 2 accidents. Ralph Stewart reported to the Board on the recent committee meeting to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck. He indicated that the Board needed to determine a dollar amount to provide to Fire Chief Tubbs in order to move forward with the fire truck purchase. Roland suggested a special board meeting be held to specifically determine parameters for purchase of the fire truck. A meeting date will be determined within two weeks and posted as a special meeting.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Irwin reported on the Road Commission meeting he had attended including a meeting with the new manager indicating he was pleased with what he saw. He feels there is a need to find out what the county will match for road repairs.

Blight Officer Williams gave an update of the blight issues he has been working on indicating residents are beginning to notice the efforts.

Clare County Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski reported on the activity throughout the township with the extra patrolling indicating things are going well and that the agreement will be completed soon. He offered several different options for the board to consider to keep the extra patrol. Discussion followed.

Doug Jacobson, Chairman of the Mid-Michigan College Board of Trustees addressed the Board regarding the college, history of his tenure and a brief report of his responsibilities.

Garfield Township Grant Committee Chair Jeanie Stewart updated the Board regarding the activities of the committee indicating all of the input from the questionnaire sent with the taxes will be discussed at the Tuesday, August 26, 2014 committee meeting.

Motion to support Jeanie to send a letter to the DNR for a lease request for two separate phases by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. Ayes – Yarhouse, Irwin, Byl, Rottiers. Nays – Roland.

Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Kim Irwin reported on the activities of the auxiliary indicating that Amy Paradine had been named Interim Director, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors had been donated to make available to residents and fire extinguishers will be available soon, last car wash September 6, Trunk or Treat will be held in October, Blood Drive on September 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and hot dog sales at Witbeck's September 15 and 23.

Resident Jim Carrigan indicated the extra patrol has made an improvement in the township and shared an issue with the Sheriff's department regarding the lack of help during the tornado at 8-Point Lake.

Another resident commented regarding the new fire truck that there is nothing more important to the community than police and fire protection.

Byl reported the concrete in the cemetery pole barn is complete.

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Scheall gave an update of the maintenance projects.

Byl reported that the second meeting of the Middle Michigan Development Corporation had brought forth the opportunity to apply for a grant for the generator purchase. He reminded the group that the Public Information Meeting for the Garfield Grant Committee is meeting Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the township hall. He also reported that 920 tires had been collected finishing up the tire collection for this year and that he will be following up with the grant to recover funds. The new stickers at the Transfer Station will be required beginning in September and in October bar codes will be scanned.

Byl indicated he would like to pursue putting together some information regarding life insurance for the fire department, township officials and employees. Dale Majewski suggested Lincoln Township Clerk Majewski be contacted for information. Rottiers will follow-up with Lincoln Township and John Hancock for information.

Byl also indicated that he is looking at the township's insurance and the possibility of changing to another insurance carrier.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to approve the contract with Rowe Engineering for a lump sum of \$7500 to assist in creating a five-year plan. Ayes – Byl, Yarhouse, Irwin, Rottiers. Nays – Roland.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve bid from Rick McNeilly for \$3,000 to excavate the property at 6172 Rock Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding continuation of the road patrol in Garfield Township. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to amend the 2014-2015 budget to add a new line item "Road Patrol Services" for \$30,000 for patrol services. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$83,291.59, including a check to be made out to Rick McNeilly for \$80, by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.