

Township Board meeting Minutes

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December 23, 2013

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
December 23, 2013
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:00 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 Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach and 10 citizens.

Fire Chief Tubbs made a spelling correction to the name Brindlee included in the November 25, 2013 minutes. Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the November 25, 2013 minutes as corrected. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 18 runs, 16 of which were medical, 1 mutual aid, 1 miscellaneous fire (a possible illegal burn). He also reported on the following:

- One new applicant for the fire department, Ty Krabill, pending approval by the board and physical and background check.
- Spartan Motors brought a fire truck to the fire hall for a demonstration and followed up with a bid. Kevin is looking over bid and will have additional information at the next meeting.
- He gave an update on the diesel pump operation.
- The secretary position for the Fire Department through Michigan Works would require 100% supervision.
- The Fire Department will maintain the DNR access site on Crooked Lake to keep it open for department use.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to approve Ty Krabill pending background check and physical. All ayes. Motion passed.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach reported the Board of Review was held on December 10, 2013 and gave an update on the BS&A mapping.

Public Participation

- Garfield Township resident Bill Scott questioned the sale of easements on Crooked Lake and indicated he was not in favor of the sale. Supervisor Byl indicated that there were no easements for sale; that the possibility of selling two township parcels had been discussed and these two parcels on Crooked Lake had been posted as township property. A request was made at that time to post all easements.

Supervisor Notes

- Byl reported there is a 21-day window from December 16 for a trailer to be bulldozed and the quote from Rick McNeilly had been received
- The posting for the Blight Officer will be up at the township office and on the website.
- The maintenance update included transfer station fees had been reduced 17%, working on a new program with Waste Management, Louis is calling in for pick-ups and keeping track. May develop a program of having the requests in writing when a pick-up is required.
- Talking with the DNR about the coal chute and have to go through the process. Roland indicated she would like to see the Engineer's Report that the DNR has. In addition, discussion followed regarding what the township can do or not do with it and if a fence is required, there would be changes necessary to the rail trail which could be costly.

Old Business

- The Terrorism Insurance was discussed. Byl recommended we take the coverage. Motion to get the insurance by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion passed.
- Discussion continued regarding the sale of the two township parcels on Crooked Lake. Byl reported the property could be sold and the money reinvested in the township. Discussion will continue.
- Greenscape has picked up a full container. Discussion followed and decision to just have the container picked up and have the tire pick-up available again on

April 1, 2014.

New Business

- Motion to adopt the Resolution to Remove Assessments on Property by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution adopted.
- Motion to adopt the Resolution to Authorize Use of Automated Clearing House (ACH) Arrangements and Electronic Transactions of Funds by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution adopted.
- Motion to adopt the Board Resolution for the Federal Surplus Assistance Program by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion adopted.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve bills and wages of \$47,414.12. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.