

January 26, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
January 26, 2015
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, Irwin and Rottiers. Roland was absent. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot, Blight Officer Rod Williams, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart and 14 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve minutes of the December 22, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 20 runs, 16 of which were medical, one mutual aid, one standby and two miscellaneous fires (gas leak and illegal burn). He also recognized Mark Fouchey for 20 years of service to the community, Jazmen Fair for Firefighter of the Year and Steve Irwin, Most Proficient Firefighter Agility Test. He also gave details of the trip to South Dakota where the new fire truck is being built and went through the changes to the truck. He requested, and the Board had no objections to, using the tables at the township park pavilion for the Winterfest scheduled for February 28, 2015. He also asked Board approval for new firefighter Nathan McKenzie pending physical and background check.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve Nathan McKenzie pending background check and physical. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot gave a brief report.

Blight Officer Rod Williams reported that he had signed one warrant, two current cases are coming up, the blight list will be updated and he has been taking some pictures of other places.

There was no Assessor's report.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Betty Tessman, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President, reported in current activities of the auxiliary including the Winterfest scheduled for February 28, 2015 including an "After Party" at Big Al's.

Jeanie Stewart, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson, reported on the potential lease of DNR property along the rail trail. A copy of the draft lease was provided to the Board with a request that the Board go through the draft and, if they have questions, she will find out the answers.

It was determined that the 30-year lease will be a New Business item at the February meeting. Also the possibility of keeping the Transfer Station open on Wednesdays, April 1 until December 1, keeping open on Wednesdays April 1 until January 1, or keeping open on Wednesdays all year round will also be added as a New Business item for February meeting.

Ralph Stewart addressed the Board regarding dry hydrants at Eight Point Lake. The Board was interested in having the Fire Chief research the information working with Ralph Stewart to develop the idea.

There was no correspondence to report.

Supervisor Byl reported the closing of the loan for the fire truck is all set, the rate is 3.75% instead of 4.00% and an ACH payment of \$1,000 will be needed. The caps for the wall at the Depot have been ordered but not delivered. The company is trying to coordinate a delivery with a delivery in Midland. He also reported the Board of Review dates will be posted, the fence at the cemetery had been torn down and new tires were needed for the township truck.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve no more than \$1,000 to replace the tires on the township truck. All ayes. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, Byl reported that the cost of the intersection light at Eight Point Lake Road and Crooked Lake Drive would be the price of a 100 watt bulb and \$100.00 co-pay. Motion to install light at Crooked Lake Drive and Eight Point Lake Road at \$100.00 co-pay with 100 watt light by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported he had discussed the road graveling with Trustee Irwin and was seeking approval to go to the county to discuss graveling 5 miles of township roads with 3 inches of gravel at a cost of \$75,000. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin, to approve meeting with the Clare County Road Commission to develop a plan to gravel 3 inches for 5 miles at a cost of \$75,000 and bring back to township for approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the Job Description and Job Posting for a Fire Department Secretary. Following discussion, it was determined by the Board not to post at this time.

Byl opened up the discussion on how to handle Cook€™s Resort with the following information:

- Encroaching on township property
- Attorney send a letter
- Engage with the association

This will be open for discussion at next month€™s meeting and may put Cook€™s Landing Association on the agenda under Public Comments.

Rottiers reported to the Board that she had been in contact with Jerry Becker regarding a workshop for the township. The Board requested that Jerry be contacted for possible dates.

Motion to adopt the Loan Resolution by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to renew the Board Resolution for Federal Surplus by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse to approve Bills and Wages for January totaling \$37,480.09.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.