

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 25, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Scott leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Scott, Yarhouse, Roland, McLane and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Jerry Burger, Ron Bushong from the County Road Commission, Candidate for County Sheriff Rick Miller, Candidate for District 1 County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Candidate for Township Supervisor Stephen Conroy, Candidate for Township Trustee Mark Irwin, Candidate for County Clerk and Register of Deeds Kim Davis and 12 citizens.

The minutes of the May 29, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by McLane, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by McLane, seconded by Rottiers. All ayes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:31 for the Public Hearing on Budget. Tubbs indicated that he was seeking board approval to add to the budget an additional \$1200 to update the weather warning system and \$8940 to purchase a portable fire pump which would double the equipment fund budget to \$20,000. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:38 p.m.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:38 for the Public Hearing on Solid Waste Special Assessment. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:39 p.m.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:39 for the Public Hearing on Fire Department Special Assessment. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 30 runs, 21 of which were medical, 1 down power line, 1 mutual aid, 3 miscellaneous fire, 1 fatal personal injury, 1 down tree and 2 missing persons. He also reported that Michelle Campbell is back on the fire department, Zachary Hill and Jim Messerschmidt have completed firefighter training classes, Becky Tubbs has stepped down as department secretary and is being replaced by Teresa Fouchey. Two fire hose nozzles have been destroyed and Kevin will be meeting with the grant writer regarding the department needs. County Commissioner Burger gave a brief report.

Ron Bushong from the Road Commission reported on the status of the Garfield Road project and the contract to complete the work. He suggested that enlisting a scraper to prepare the road would be a better result and would bring the cost of the work to \$35,000. He also suggested that the contractor could start stockpiling sand, but the work would not begin until after Monday, July 9.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Rottiers, to award the contract for \$35,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

Candidates for public office Miller, Majewski, Conroy, Irwin and Davis spoke to the group regarding their candidacy. A citizen from Scotty Drive spoke to the Board about sink holes on their road and their request to change the private road to a county road. Both Supervisor Scott and County Road Commission spokesperson Bushong indicated that the cost to do so would be prohibitive.

Scott indicated that the 2011-2012 budget needed to be amended to increase the Workers Comp account #101-801-709.000 to \$13,000 and the Fire Department account #206-801-

707.000 to \$6,000. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to increase account #101-801-709.000 to \$13,000 and the Fire Department Account #206-801-707.000 to \$6,000. All ayes. Motion passed.

Resolution to Adopt the Budget as Changed for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 by Scott, seconded by McLane.

Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution approved.

Resolution to Approve the Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2012-2013 by Yarhouse, seconded by McLane.

Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution approved.

Resolution to Continue Township Banking at Any Clare County Bank with FDIC Protection or Credit Union with NCUA Protection by Rottiers, seconded by McLane.

Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution approved.

Resolution to Continue Authorizing Clerk to Transfer Funds Between Expense Items in a Cost Center to Avoid a Deficit by Scott, seconded by Yarhouse.

Roll Call vote all ayes. Resolution approved.

Resolution by Yarhouse to Allow Treasurer's Discretion to forego \$5.00 underpayment or not refund \$5.00 or less overpayment for taxes, seconded by Rottiers.

Roll Call vote all ayes. Resolution approved.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland, to approve bills and wages of \$59,629.65. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McLane to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.