

June 22, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 22, 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, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commission Member Julie Lightfoot, Sheriff Deputies Loudenslager and Williams, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams and 20 citizens.

Motion to approve June 8, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 16 runs, 13 of which were medical, one grass fire, one car accident, and one down line. He also reported receiving correspondence from the DNR regarding the grant that is submitted on behalf of the fire department each year, plan to take the fire trucks to Sackett's by the end of the week for repairs and indicated there is a latest diagram of the new fire truck available. He also asked for approval of two new applicants, Lucky Hatt and Tommy Hawley, pending background check and physical.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot gave a brief report including a bill in the legislature regarding the county taking over road commissions and ideas to and raise funds and reported on Clare County Road Commission activities. Discussion followed regarding a problem with Hillcrest Road and spikes sticking out.

Blight Officer Rod Williams provided an update of current blight properties.

There was no Assessor's report.

Sheriff Deputy Loudenslager reported on the number of incidents in our township and indicated that all over the road vehicles have to follow all ORV laws.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:37 for the Public Hearing on Budget. There being no comments or concerns, the regular meeting resumed at 7:43 p.m.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:43 for the Public Hearing on Solid Waste Special Assessment. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:44 p.m.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:44 for the Public Hearing on Fire Department Special Assessment. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

Byl reported there will be a Public Hearing on the DNR Plan on July 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the DNR Plan to develop DNR property with the 30-year lease.

Under Public Participation, Betty Tessman reported on the Lake Firefighters Auxiliary activities including the car wash profits of \$371.00, bake sale on June 13 profits of \$149.49. Next bake sale on July 25, profits from cans and bottles deposits \$146.00. She indicated talking with the Fire Department about purchasing adult and child rescue dummies from auxiliary funds. In addition, there were comments from Frank Latts regarding the committee formed by Bluff Lake residents, and LG Roberts regarding the limit of three minutes for persons who want to address the Board during Public Participation.

Under Correspondence, Byl reported a positive email had been received from a Mystic Lake Road resident.

Under Supervisor's Notes, Byl reported the following:

- Eight letters had been sent to Bluff Lake residents and three responses received.
- The sign for the Transfer Station had been paid for from the Supervisor's budget.
- 2014 tax sale and blight update and properties purchased from the sale.
- Transfer Station has been spruced up and the new building will be delivered around July 1.
- Some work completed on the DNR property.

Under Old Business discussion followed regarding the two new ordinances and how these will be handled. Under Section 2.B. of the Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance, the statement regarding the Personnel will be changed to "The bureau will be the elected board of Garfield Township."

Motion to adopt the Amendment to Repeal Section IV of Garfield Township Anti-Blight Ordinance by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the Garfield Township Municipal Ordinance Violations Bureau Ordinance by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding brining of the roads. Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin, to have Hemlock Road brined three times starting July 1, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Resolution to Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the December Board Meeting and paying employees prior to the Christmas holiday.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Establish Township Supervisor's Salary by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Establish Township Clerk's Salary by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Establish Township Treasurer's Salary by Rottiers, supported by Roland. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Establish Township Trustees' Salary by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Approve Wage Rates €“ 2015-2016 by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Approve Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 by Irwin, supported by Roland. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution to Continue Township Banking at any Clare County Bank that is FDIC Insured by Roland, supported by Rottiers. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to Amend 2014-2015 Budget by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, as follows:

- Increase Board of Review 101-247-702.000 Salary \$50.00
- Increase Board of Review 101-247-956.000 Miscellaneous \$150.00
- Increase Lighting 101-450-801.000 \$150.00
- Increase Clerk 101-215-956.000 Miscellaneous \$200.00
- Increase Employee Benefits 226-801-705.000 FICA \$100.00
- Increase Employee Benefits 226-801-706.000 Medicare \$100.00
- Increase Crooked Lake Contractual Services 843-445-818.000 \$53,000.00

Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the IT Right proposals for networking. Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve IT Right for network and universal cabling systems per bid specs not to exceed \$1850 for cabling. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments included Rosemary Tremayne from Bluff Lake, Jim Monahan and John Umphrey and a problem with road end eroding.

Motion to pay bills and wages totaling \$120,222.85 by Roland, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.