

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
June 23, 2014
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, Road Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commission Member Eddy Garver, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams and 21 citizens.

Byl indicated changes to the agenda which included adding Cooks Landing under "Old Business," under "New Business" item "I" budget amendment to retirement accounts 101-801-707.000, 101-801-708.000, 101-801-709.000 and item "J" approval for demolition of 8372 Eight Point Lake Rd.

Rottiers corrected Bills and Wages for May 2014 to \$35,030.70. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland to approve the May 27, 2014 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 23 runs, 18 of which were medical, 2 grass fires, 2 miscellaneous fires (1 illegal burn and 1 standby for power outage) and 1 personal injury. He also reported that the deputy patrolling Garfield Township had requested access to the Fire Hall to use the facilities, 3 firefighters had passed the MFR class and multiple manufacturers had been contacted for bids for the fire truck replacement.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Road Commission Member Eddy Garver and Jack Kleinhardt reported on the activities of the Road Commission.

Blight Officer Rod Williams reported on a letter and notice to clean a property indicating that there was no need to give notice; that the property could be cleaned up due to a court order by Judge Mienk. He also gave an update on the Gray Lake issue.

There were no reports from the Assessor or Sheriff.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:35 for the Public Hearing on Budget. There being no comments or concerns, the regular meeting resumed at 7:36 p.m.

The regular meeting recessed at 7:36 for the Public Hearing on Solid Waste Special Assessment. No other comments. The meeting closed and the regular meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

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

7:41 p.m.

Garfield Township Grant Committee chairperson Jeanie Stewart gave an update of the activities of the committee including a Public Information Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Byl indicated that Eight Point Lake Association had submitted a fireworks application for August 30, 2014 with rainout date of August 31, 2014. Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the fireworks application. All ayes. Motion carried.

Keith Keeler addressed the Board regarding a positive response for the things that are being improved in the community including the blight cleanup.

Byl reported that correspondence had been received from out Web Manager Sheryl Judd indicating that she was raising her rates from \$18 to \$20/hour.

Byl reported that he and Trustee Irwin had attended a Road Commission meeting. Irwin indicated a committee may be set up to decide which roads need attention first. The Commission needs to be the writer for any grant to correct the downtown. He also indicated that the Bugbee vs Hillcrest sign situation will be corrected.

He also reported in the Hillcrest nuisance situation and the issue with the property owner; reading a letter to be sent to the individual. He also indicated he had received information from Tara Hovey regarding 20 homes that are on the vacant homes list. Pictures of the new sign at the Depot provided by the Crooked Lake Improvement Association were shown. A maintenance update was also provided.

Byl also indicated a bid had been received for \$2400 for demolition of a home on Eight Point Lake Road and that the township had an opportunity to purchase 1,000+ blocks for use around the Depot for \$500.

Under Old Business, motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to approve the contract for mapping for \$8,000 to create a subdivision layer, including blocks, lots and parcel ownership for Garfield Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported he had talked with John McLean regarding a quote for \$1220 to survey Cooks Landing which also included a letter to be sent to the Cooks Landing Association. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to send the letter. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2014-2015 Budget with an addition of \$500 to the 101-101-960.000 Education and Training account. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin, to adopt the Resolution to Establish Township Supervisor Salary. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse, to adopt the Resolution to Establish Township Clerk Salary. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Roland, to adopt the Resolution to Establish Township Treasurer Salary. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland, to adopt the Resolution to Approve Salaries and Wage Rates – 2014-2015. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Rottiers, to adopt the Resolution to Approve Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to adopt the Resolution to Continue Township Banking at Any Clare County Bank that is FDIC insured. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Roland, to approve the Assessor's 4-Year Contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse to approve the Budget Amendment to Move from 206-000-626.000 \$24,800 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-850-999.000, \$30,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-830-999.000 \$10,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-336-910.000 \$9,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-336-802.000 \$1900 to 402-000-390.000. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the bid of \$1950.00 for tree stump removal. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the bid of \$2400 for demolition of 8572 Eight Point Lake including the travel trailer on the property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to purchase the 1000+ blocks for \$500 to use at the Depot. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland, to approve the bills and wages excluding the \$216.00 check to Ace American Alarm. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn at 9:44 p.m.