

Township Board meeting Minutes

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March 24, 2014

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 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 Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams and 14 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 24 runs, 19 of which were medical, 2 structure fires, 2 mutual aid, 1 miscellaneous (building collapse). He also reported that Teresa Fouchey has stepped down as secretary to the department. He also reported that he is now the Clare County Fire Chiefs' Association Medical Central Representative.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach reported on the recent Board of Review meetings and Sue Lockwood provided details of the mapping program for subdivisions. Discussion followed regarding including it in the 2014-2015 Budget.

Following this discussion, the Board determined a second budget meeting would be needed. Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland, to set up a second budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 29, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Blight Officer Rod Williams updated the Board on the blight situations he is working on.

Public Participation

- Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Kim Irwin addressed the Board regarding the Easter Egg Hunt they would like to have at the Depot on Saturday, April 12, 2014 and requested permission to do so. The Board had no problem with the auxiliary holding that event.
- Jay Vaughn addressed the Board regarding the DAV building they may wish to sell. Discussion followed regarding the township's participation in the possible purchase of the building. Decision not to consider at this time.
- Stephen Conroy reported to the Board on his status with his Eagle Scout caboose project. All reports are now completed and he will be moving on to the actual project of renovating the caboose.

Correspondence - None

Supervisor Notes

- Byl requested approval to purchase new stickers for the Transfer Station. Following discussion, motion to order 1500 stickers by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried. Discussion will continue on the plan for distribution of these stickers.
- Byl presented a quote from Allstate Signs for magnetic signs for the dumpsters and various areas in the township. Cost of the signs will be approximately \$555.00. Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the cost to purchase the signs. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Byl reported that a poverty exemption had been given to a property owner in the township who was very close to foreclosure on their home.
- Byl reported that Bill Scheall has received a quote to build picnic tables for the township parks and suggested that we start with four tables. Motion to purchase materials for four tables by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Byl reported bids will be sought for bulldozing two properties.

Old Business

- Cost of new baseboards in the hall will be \$112.00 and will be completed once the floors are refinished.
- Rottiers reported that direct deposit of payroll needs a follow-up deposit and suggested that a \$1.00 deposit into the employees' accounts who have requested it would accomplish the goal of insuring their payroll will reach the appropriate account. The Board was in favor of doing this.
- Rottiers reported that, in order to have payroll direct deposited and into the employees' accounts the next day, the direct deposit had to be initiated before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Board Meeting; therefore, requiring Board approval to initiate those deposits before the Board Meeting. Roland, supported by Yarhouse, moved to approve the direct deposits of payroll before 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Rottiers indicated that a sample letter had been included in the Board packet regarding the request for quotes from three auditing firms. She also indicated these letters will be sent out this week.
- Rottiers reported that the Pontem quote for Online Burial Search is \$2250.00 and needs Board approval to move forward with this project. Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve the Online Burial Search proposal for \$2250.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Discussion followed regarding the fire truck replacement. Following this discussion, we will wait to see if we get the USDA grant and then look at other avenues for financing. The Board requested that three sealed bids be sought for the fire truck.

Byl reported that the scrap tire grant for \$6500 had been received.

Byl reported that he provided pictures of the first stage of preparing a grant for the Depot.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to remove the solid waste charge off the tax bill for property #013-530-015-02. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland, to pay the bills and wages for March of \$45,214.01.

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