

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
March 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Roland, Irwin and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Clare County Sheriff Deputy Steven Humphrey and 15 citizens.

The minutes of the February 25, 2013 were approved with a motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 16 runs, 14 of which were medical and 2 mutual aid. He also requested approval of Mark Brewer, pending physical and background check, and indicated that Cori Wolfgang had moved and left the fire department, the 6 x 6 is 100% in service and gave credit to the firemen who volunteered many hours to complete the project. He presented a proposal to the board to upgrade the security system at the fire hall. The Board suggested that he look at the security system used at Lincoln Township and report at the next meeting.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Robin, to approve Mark Brewer to the Fire Department pending physical and background check. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

There was no Road Commission report.

Sheriff Deputy Steven Humphrey gave a report on the activities at the Sheriff's Department.

Tom Pirnstill invited everyone to the Health Fair at Farwell High School on April 20, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He also reported on the bill he had been working on at the state level regarding the use of unused prescription drugs.

A representative from Lake Community Association reported on the status of their membership. Byl reported that he had received correspondence from attorneys Dreyer & Hovey regarding the United Rescue issue indicating that our township did not have to follow-up.

Byl reported that he will be absent from the April 22, 2013 township meeting, that he is following up with a blight issue in the township, that he has an appointment on Friday to turn over the Quit Claim Deed to the Tuckers. Discussion of cell phones was tabled.

Rottiers gave details of the Cemetery Program from Pontem indicating that the cost of the initial program would be \$3722.00 and the additional cost for online services would be included in the 2013-2014 budget. Joan Farwell will be doing the conversion.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve the cost of the Cemetery Program from Pontem. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rottiers surveyed the Board to schedule a Work Session on April 13, 2013 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Board members were all available on that date and a special meeting will be posted.

Byl gave details of the Township acquiring the Depot from the Lake Community Association indicating that the Board had to vote on the resolution to accept the transfer of all rights and title to the Depot.

Motion to pass the resolution by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin. Roll call vote indicated all ayes. Resolution adopted.

Byl reported that the contract with Charter Communications will be up in December 2013 and would recommend that the Board begin to negotiate with Charter on the fee they pay or give them a six months' notice to quit. Following discussion, Rottiers indicated she would survey

other townships associated with Charter to find out what fees they charge Charter to use township property.

Byl gave details of Randy's scheduled retirement at the April 2013 meeting and the cost of unemployment each year. Discussion followed regarding his replacement.

Motion to change Bill Scheall from the interim maintenance position to permanent maintenance position upon Randy Schaub's retirement by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to have Supervisor Byl along with the Head of Maintenance interview candidates for the Transfer Station Attendant position. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland to, approve bills and wages of \$68,794.61. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.