

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
May 27, 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 (arrived at 8:37 p.m.), Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart and 13 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland, to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2014 Special Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 22 runs, 16 of which were medical, one grass fire, one mutual aid, one miscellaneous fire, two personal injuries and one downed tree. He also reported that three firefighters had passed Firefighter I classes and there may be two new applicants. He will be contacting the manufacturers regarding bids to replace the fire truck.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report including MMR is offering a free CPR training class to the general public on Saturday, June 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Lake of the Pines clubhouse. This is a free one-hour adult CPR training course, not a certification course.

Clare County Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski provided information regarding a couple of options for additional coverage for the township.

There was no Road Commission report. However, Byl reported a meeting with Eddy Garver and indicated the Road Commission will be giving a recommendation for road repairs.

Assessor Brad Beach reported he is doing field work and preparing reports for the State.

Byl gave a brief update of the blight situations.

Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart reported the following:

- New members have been added to the committee
- A letter has been sent to Senator Darwin Booher
- The DNR Trust Fund grant requirements including community input
- Two organized bike rides coming through Lake on June 21 and July 12

Sandy Jeffery read a letter from the Eight Point Lake Association regarding a donation from that association of \$1,000 towards the purchase of a new fire truck.

Public Participation

Pat Keenan representing the Cook's Landing Association at Eight Point Lake addressed the Board regarding their docks infringing on township property and inquired about having the property surveyed.

Leonard Pilz addressed the Board regarding the marine watch at Eight Point Lake, boats backing out and possibilities of sand being brought in at West Beach and a paved trail along Partridge Avenue to hook up with the rail trail.

Another resident addressed the Board regarding water and sand washing out his property on Mystic Lake Drive.

Correspondence

Byl reported the annual letter had been received from the County Treasurer regarding tax-foreclosed properties. Recommendation was made to waive the right to purchase these tax-foreclosed properties. Motion to refuse the first rights to county-owned properties by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Notes

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Scheall reported:

- Picnic tables and benches are being built
- Signs are being installed
- 936 new transfer station stickers have been distributed

Byl reported on the details of the problem at Bluff Lake. He also provided information regarding the docking system at Cook's Landing being on Township property. Rich Reuter provided information regarding riparian rights. Byl indicated he will work with the association regarding a survey and the cost and move it to Old Business for next month's meeting.

Old Business

Rottiers provided information regarding the selection process for a new auditing firm and the recommendation of Baird, Cotter & Bishop for 2014 and 2016 and for the F65 in 2015. Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin, to approve hiring the firm of Baird, Cotter & Bishop for the 2014 and 2016 audits and F65 in 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin, to approve the purchase of the zero-turn mower. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl provided information regarding the demolition at 9850 Lake Station and a low bid of \$2450 including permits and clean-up. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to award the bid to Rick McNeilly. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported a bid from Rick McNeilly for \$5,000 to gravel the parking lot at the Depot. Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to award the bid to Rick McNeilly. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported a bid was received today from Rick McNeilly regarding graveling the Transfer Station at a cost of \$2200. The bid is for 100 yards or more of gravel. Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to approve the bid of \$2200 to gravel the Transfer Station. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl asked the Board to review the preliminary budget for 2014-2015 and let him know of any changes before the June Budget Hearing.

New Business

Rod Williams reported on the Hillcrest issue and will gather more information before the next meeting. All tax-foreclosed properties will be flagged to be cleaned up by the buyer. He also indicated that he will speak with the people at Bluff Lake about the problem there.

Byl indicated that the Board needed to approve the fireworks permit for Crooked Lake to be held on July 12, 2014 at dusk. Motion by Roland, supported by Yarhouse, to approve the fireworks permit. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding additional coverage by the Sheriff's department for Garfield Township and the possibility of beginning June 16, 2014. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to enter into a 90-day contract with the Clare County Sheriff's Department for coverage of Garfield Township per rates not to exceed \$6,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, to pay the bills and wages for May of \$33,303.72. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.