

## Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
May 29, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Scott leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Scott, Yarhouse, Roland, McLane and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Jerry Burger, and 8 citizens. The minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by McLane, seconded by Roland.

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

Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 37 runs, 26 of which were medical, 1 grass fire, 3 structure fires, 1 downed tree, 1 mutual aid, 1 miscellaneous fire, 1 personal injury, 2 illegal burns and 1 weather standby. He also reported he is seeking assistance for grant writing and is looking at a cost of \$500 for the service and 5% of the grant after the grant is awarded. It was suggested that he contact a grant writer on retainer at the county to see if this person could be used for that purpose. Three new fire department applicants including Michelle Campbell, Josh Hickey and Sean Lefevre need to be approved. He also reported the county-wide turnover of radios is coming up and the grant for DNR funds is in the works.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by McLane to approve the hire of Michelle Campbell, Josh Hickey and Sean Lefevre subject to background checks and physicals. All ayes. Motion carried. County Commissioner Burger gave a brief report.

Correspondence included a Drug Abuse Symposium sponsored by the Clare and Gladwin County Recovery Court scheduled at Mid Michigan Community College campus in Harrison on June 14, 2012 from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Scott reported that the original road bid originally of \$39,000 came in at under \$30,000.

Scott reported that the contract with Waste Management is up for renewal and recommended continuation of the current service. Motion by McLane, seconded by Rottiers to extend the contract with Waste Management. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott reported that the Preliminary Budget included a 3% increase in wages and salaries and requested that the Transfer Station contractual services be increased from \$130,000 to \$190,000 for 2012-2013 fiscal year. Motion by Scott, seconded by McLane to tentatively accept the 2012-2013 preliminary budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by McLane, to amend the 2011-2012 budget to transfer \$30,000 from the fund balance to the Transfer Station contractual services amount to cover additional costs for this fiscal year. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott reported that the township has the opportunity to buy the tax-foreclosed properties in Garfield Township which include small buildings or lots. He recommended that we waive the right to purchase these tax-foreclosed properties. Motion by McLane, supported by Roland, that the township waive to right to buy the tax-foreclosed parcels. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded to McLane, to approve bills and wages of \$50,303.22. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McLane to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.