

October 27, 2014

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
October 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, Irwin and Roland and Deputy Clerk Farwell. Rottiers excused. Also attending the meeting were Deputy Clerk Farwell, Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, and 17 citizens.

Byl opened the meeting with a minute of silence for the passing of Florence Scott.

Motion to accept the September 22, 2014 meeting minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the September 30, 2014 Special Meeting minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried

Motion to approve Treasurer€™s Report by Roland, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 26 runs, 21 of which were medical, 1 structure fire, 1 mutual aid and 1 grass fire. He also reported the department is experiencing communication issues from the cell tower. He has been investigating having our own tower and is very concerned about coverage. A cost range is around \$25,000 and grants are available. Time range is 13 to 15 months to make it happen. Frequency would be available to everyone. 911 is responsible to get signals out to the townships.

Tubbs asked approval for two new volunteer firefighters-Joe Swanson and Tristen Martin. Motion by Irwin and seconded by Roland to begin the background check. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report. Highlights were: New Senior Center opened in Harrison. 95% of all foreclosed properties in the county were sold through the recent auction, per Jenny Beemer.

Rod Williams, Blight Officer, reported he issued to 3 properties, 1 property was for a deceased person, 2 are south of lake. One property turnover to a Conservation Officer.

Brad Beach, Assessor, reported the mapping is done and names of owners are able to be added to it. 46 building permits have been issued. Board of Review is scheduled for December 9th.

Sergeant Humphrey, Sheriff Dept, is back. A complaint about the hours always being daytime will be looked into.

Candidates for County Commissioner Jerry Burger and Dale Majeski, made an appeal for votes.

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Public Participation

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Time Change on November 2nd, 2014.

Kim Irwin, Fire Dept Auxiliary, spoke of the Halloween Trunk or Treat. The Blood Drive was again cancelled due to staffing problems. Winterfest meetings being scheduled and 2-28-2015 is the date

set.

Correspondence Since Last Meeting

Lind Agency offered an insurance bid, 30% less than we pay currently.

Supervisor's Notes

The wording in the Transfer Station Ordinance which includes the word "dump" needs to be changed to "transfer station". The Township Hall floor was refinished and the poles were painted. Our costs to Waste Management are down by 30% from last year. The scanner for bar codes is operational. Byl requested that concerns regarding employees be addressed directly to him.

Old Business

None

New Business

1. The Bonding Attorney for the fire truck, Dreyer/Hovey, approved legal agreements and the bonding company for \$4000.00, Roger Sweats and Dickinson Wright. Motion to hire the bonding company made by Irwin and seconded by Yarhouse. Motion Carried.
2. Snow deflector purchase price of \$260. Motion to purchase made by Yarhouse, Supported by Irwin, Motion Carried.
3. Scag Blower for leaf blowing and removal purchase price of \$3,300 made by Yarhouse and supported by Irwin.

A trailer purchase for the mower was mentioned and will not take place until spring, possibly.

Public Comments

It was mentioned that there is a discount table from Spartan Motors for the truck purchase. This was tabled.

The flag pole at the Depot is down. Why? It's only temporary; explanation is that lighting is needed to leave a flag up all the times and well as a larger flag. (That is at least a 4' X 6' flag.) Need to get Knotty Pine Polyurethane to clean the walls in the hall and move registers out.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$39,513.34 by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.