

## Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 23, 2013  
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, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Yarhouse was absent. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dave Majewski and 23 citizens. A moment of silence was held out of respect of the tragedies in Washington, D.C.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin, to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 20 runs, all of which were medical. He also reported that Kevin Allen is stepping down from his office with the department, Ace Alarm will be installing the security systems on buildings this week, the thermal imaging camera has been received and he talking with manufacturers regarding replacement of a fire engine because of a need to upgrade and plans to take a year to research.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report and distributed information regarding activities at the county level.

There was no Road Commission Report. Byl indicated that he will try to have someone from the department at next month's meeting.

#### Public Participation

- Bonnie Martin, representing the Big R & Smokin Joes Hospice Benefit spoke to the group indicating that a resolution needed to be approved for a charitable gaming license for the benefit.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License for the Big R & Smokin Joes Hospice Benefit

Roll call vote all ayes. Resolution adopted.

- Kim Irwin, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President, gave details of the activities the auxiliary is working on which included "Trunk or Treat" scheduled on October 31, 2013, from 5-8 p.m. She requested permission to hold this activity at the Depot. She also reported that the Fire Department is working on the "Haunted Forest" and would welcome help from the citizens in the area. The group meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at Kevin Tubbs' home.
- A representative from the Sheriff's Department was present and the only concern voiced to him was the issue with CPLs.

There was no correspondence.

Rod Williams presented information regarding the conditions he has dealt with regarding blight and provided a slide presentation.

#### Supervisor's Notes

- Assessor update included 7 new building permits and one land division.
- The nuisance spreadsheet has been updated and discussion followed.
- A couple of railroad signs have been located and installed at the depot.
- Lapham Associates will be locating the markers.
- Screens are repaired and put back up at the Depot.
- Maintenance update included the pump at the park has been repaired, trees removed from Peterson Park, lake shore at Peterson Park has been cleared and barriers moved to people can park, some clean-up is being done at the back of the cemetery which may open up more grave sites, the road end park at 8 Point Lake complete and should be a nice set-up for 8 Point Lake.
- On October 4, there is a no-reserve auction for land in Clare County.
- New tables will be picked up.
- Workers Comp bill is in the process of being corrected.

#### Old Business

- Township-owned lots on Hillcrest will have signs identifying them as township property.
- Transfer Station sticker program still being evaluated.
- Will be contacting businesses in Garfield Township regarding the use of the Transfer Station and paying for that use.

#### New Business

- Issue in township regarding tires lying around. Greenscape is a licensed tire dealer and would be willing to put a 30-yard container at the Transfer Station so residents can dispose of their tires.

Motion by Irwin, seconded to Rottiers, to contract with Greenscape to put a minimum of a 30 yard rolloff at the Transfer Station until full at a pick-up rate of \$5 per tire.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Will review at time of payment for services.

Bill Scheall reported on the situation with the John Deere tractor. Voelkers will charge \$20,000 for a new tractor and \$10,000 to repair the tractor. They offer a governmental lease program. Decision will be tabled until next meeting when a report will be presented.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland, to approve bills and wages totaling \$101,561.82. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Irwin. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

At the October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting, the Minutes were corrected as follows: Total Bills and Wages for September including Payroll EFT Transfer of \$101,561.82 corrected to \$83,799.44 and an addition made to the situation with the John Deere tractor to read that the radiator broke, overheated and blew the motor.