

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 26, 2011
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, Roland, Yarhouse and Rottiers. McLane was absent. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Jerry Burger, County Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis, Attorney Marcy Klaus and five citizens.

The minutes of the August 22, 2011 meeting were corrected and then approved with a motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire report was given by Fire Chief Tubbs who reported 24 runs, 22 of which were medical, one illegal burn and one personal injury. He also reported the narrow band changeover will happen in the spring, the Elliotts had turned in their equipment, the United Rescue Service asked to use the fire hall. Board felt no problem with this as MMR had done the same in the past. He reported on the hazmat team coverage for Clare County and that it would cost \$125 per year. The cost recovery ordinance needs to be in effect. Our current ordinance will be checked to see if ours is sufficient. Firefighter class will be held in Isabella County in January. Our firefighters can go at no cost and three will be attending. The Clare County fire chiefs will be forming a committee to get more departments working together on training. He is looking for another doctor for physicals for our fire department. A first responder class is scheduled for the fall and we will have five attending.

County Commissioner Burger gave a brief report.

County Prosecuting Attorney Michelle Ambrozaitis reported on the activities in her department. Attorney Marcy Klaus spoke to the group regarding her upcoming candidacy for probate and family court.

Scott requested that board members make corrections and/or additions to the newsletter published yearly and sent with the winter taxes.

Under new business, Scott explained the situation with our Charter Communications Franchise Agreement and the advantages of switching our phone and internet service for both the township hall and fire hall from AT&T to Charter.

Motion to sign agreement with no franchise fee and move service to Charter by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Yarhouse to formally move Bill Scheall to the position of Transfer Station Attendant. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to send letter of support for the Clare County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

A Resolution of Appreciation for Donald Jones was read by Scott and presented to Mr. Jones. Yarhouse, supported by Roland, moved to approve the bills and wages totaling \$99,322.09. All ayes. Motion passed.

Motion by Roland to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.