

September 28, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 2015
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 Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart, Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Sheriff Department Sergeant Schmidt and 23 citizens.

The August 24, 2015 minutes were corrected as follows: €œByl has checked with Elm Creek and will check with Alwood Landscaping regarding landscaping around the Depot gardens.€

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers, to approve the minutes as corrected. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 25 runs, 21 of which were medical, 2 personal injuries, 1 gas leak and 1 down power line. He also reported delivery of the new fire truck would be about the third week in October, an additional bill to be added to be approved at this meeting of \$945.12 for Epi-pens now mandated by the State and that Norcam was needed for the overdose program in effect October 1, 2015. He also provided information regarding Coyne Oil and a double-wall tank needed to be 50€™ from the building and that an additional insurance policy would be required per our insurance agent. The additional policy along with the electric to be completed by Northern Electric would be an additional \$1,065 in addition to a cement slab being put in. He also reported additional equipment had been acquired from the Clare County Sheriff€™s Department including a snowmobile, quad with trailer and rescue sled. He also reported that Korey Fulger and Shannon Barry had resigned from the department and was recommending two new candidates Rick Gott and Sara Williams pending physicals and background checks.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin to approve Rick Gott and Sara Williams to the Fire Department pending physicals and background checks. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding accepting Department of Transportation physicals for fire department candidates.

Motion to accept Department of Transportation physicals for fire department candidates by Irwin, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried

Clare County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

There was no Road Commission report.

Sheriff Department Sergeant Schmidt reported on Kelly Bailey€™s schedule in the township. Discussion followed regarding golf carts.

Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reported the car wash on September 12 and that the bottle collection is slowing down indicating that the collection of bottles and cans would remain open until the first snow. She also reported that the rescue dummies would be here any day.

Under Public Participation, Judy Santo reported on the clean-up day at Crooked Lake's Cold Springs sponsored by the Crooked Lake Improvement Association, thanked John at the General Store for the contribution to their efforts and that there will be a grill installed this year with more planned for next year.

Supervisor Byl reported that he met with Rowe Engineering and the next step recommended to concentrate on the Depot to develop the plan. He also reported that the Garfield Township Grant Committee did a great job keeping the costs down. He also reported on the current issues with blight.

Clerk Rottiers reported on the status of the janitor position and update on the Clare County Arts Council and our quilt block.

Under New Business, motion to approve Greg Butcher and Mike Schultz for the Perch Lake Township Representatives by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the phone system with IT Right and decision tabled until next month.

Byl also reported that a quote had been received from Central Michigan Door for two automatic doors for the township garage and repairs to the fire department door. Following discussion the openers for the township garage doors was tabled for a month, but the go ahead was given to fix the fire department door.

Motion to approve the landscaping bid from Wirth Landscaping for \$9,990 by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Under Public Comments, Betty Tessman reported she is having her annual Haunted Forest October 23 and 24, 2015.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Roland, to approve bills and wages for a total of \$66,281.34. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.