

## September 30, 2014 Special Meeting

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Garfield Township  
Special Board Meeting  
September 30, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:02 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, Mark Brown, CSI Representative, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chair Jeanie Stewart, Ralph Stewart, Fire Truck Purchase Review Committee Member and 30 citizens.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck.

Fire Chief Tubbs gave a recap of the process of selecting a new fire truck.

CSI Representative Mark Brown provided details of what they have to offer.

Ralph Stewart reported on the committee meeting indicating they needed guidance regarding the budget for a new fire truck.

Following their reports, each board member provided opinions and concerns regarding purchasing the new fire truck. Byl then reported on financial strategies available for purchasing the fire truck.

Public comments included many pros and cons regarding a new fire truck purchase. Some of the concerns included:

- Need best equipment possible
- Safety imperative
- Has to be a proper way to pay for the fire truck €“ a long history of being a cautious township
- Need to talk about the financing and options on fire truck
- As township grows and homes get bigger, there is a need for more sophisticated equipment
- Prestige is good for a city fire department €“ we are paying for frills €“ should have wise spending of township money
- Roster can hold up to 20 people; only 15 show up to run. No problem with new truck; just buying truck for 6 people. Safety features are great; truck a little too long.
- 26€™ to 37€™ too long €“ truck we have now can do all but foam system.
- Less money means less safety?
- Excited about township €“ keep moving forward with positive direction
- Airbags needed
- Can we get a truck to do the job for less?
- Volunteers deserve to have the best we can give
- At what price is a life?
- A 10-mile rollover in a fire truck has a lot more velocity than a car.

Following the discussion, motion by Byl, supported by Rottiers, to purchase one Spartan Metro Star/ERV Star Series Top Mount Custom Chassis CAFS Pumper at a cost of \$457,135.00.

Roll call vote:

Roland	No
Irwin	No
Byl	Yes

Yarhouse	Yes
Rottiers	Yes

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.