

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
January 28, 2013
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Roland, Irwin and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski and 9 citizens.

The minutes of the December 26, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Rottiers, 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 Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 25 runs, 19 of which were medical, 4 mutual aid, 1 chimney fire and 1 down tree. He also reported that the gas meter sensors had to be replaced, the annual fishing contest is February 23, 2013 and the fire department's auxiliary is going to organize again; its first meeting Tuesday, February 29, 2013.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

There was no Road Commission report.

Two complaints were addressed and discussed regarding blight in the community and follow-up suggested. Suggestions for marking the recycle bins at the transfer station were noted.

Supervisor Byl indicated to the Board that he had received a call regarding grant monies being available. He will follow-up and report to the Board. Discussion followed regarding additional blight problems and the possibility of a hazard to members of the community. Information was presented by Rottiers regarding cemetery software to update our current records and possibly put on-line in the future. More information will be forthcoming at the February meeting.

Byl asked the Board for comments regarding future needs for the township. Suggestions included new tables for the hall, more land for the cemetery, equipment replacements for the fire department and the depot building in Lake. More information will be available at the February meeting.

Byl reported he had attended the MTA Convention in Detroit and felt that MTA offered great support and that the workshops were very informative.

There was no Old Business.

He also indicated that 7 office chairs had been donated to the township and he has been working on replacing tables in the township hall. Some issues with Charter and the Fire Department will be looked into. He also suggested to the Board that he will check into two cell phones for the township. Following discussion, it was determined that purchasing locally could be better.

Motion by Robin, supported by Irwin, to approve bills and wages of \$31,242.80. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roland to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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