

Township Board meeting Minutes

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January 27, 2014

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
January 27, 2014
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 Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach and 6 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the December 23, 2013 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 22 runs, 17 of which were medical, one down power line, two mutual aid, one personal injury and one furnace fire. He also reported on the following:

- Shane Kimbrell has stepped down from the fire department due to other activities.
- Need Board support to use Peterson Park for fishing contest.
- Packet of information regarding fire truck replacement given to Board for discussion at next month's meeting. Bid is good for 80 calendar days.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach reported that the tax roll has been prepared and turned into the county. He has prepared a flier to put in with the assessment seeking information to update data. The county will fold the flier and it will be put through the USPS locally for mailing. He will need approval for \$2900 stamps. Need to publish all dates for the next Board of Review meetings scheduled for March 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. for organizational meeting, March 10, 2014 from 9:00-12:00 noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. and March 13, 2014 from 2:00-5:00 and 6:00-9:00 p.m. Three notices of these meetings will need to be published in the Clare County Review. He is getting quotes for mapping subdivisions. Lots need to be drawn out to scale. Two tribunals are scheduled to clarify houses that are one or two-story homes. The township-owned lot would bring in approximately \$1200 in taxes with no home on it or \$4000 plus with a house that would be non-homestead.

Public Participation

- Matt Scott addressed the Board regarding an issue he had at the Transfer Station.
- Jerry Carpenter addressed the Board regarding an issue he had with the selection process for the Blight Officer.
- Jay Vaughn requested that another part of the DAV building be plowed in case an ambulance or fire truck is needed.

Supervisor Notes

- Reported Kevin Tubbs and Bill Scheall had cleaned out the shed. There are still some things left. Dave will explore the best approach to selling it.
- New light fixtures are needed at the fire hall. Cost will be \$2025.00 for new fixtures and Bill will install. Rebate of approximately \$12 for each fixture.
- Overall the budget is down about 8% from last year.
- We have received the sales tax reimbursement
- Would like to have Bill refinish floors in hall. Lisa indicated it had been done professionally the last time and suggested it be put in the budget for next year.
- Blight update will be given next month.

Old Business

- Cindy Rank was not able to attend the meeting to talk about the sale of the township property.
- The John Deere tractor is sold.

New Business

- Motion to approve the bid by Rick's Excavating for \$1600 to demolish the building on the Maple Street property by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Approval of Blight Officer – Rod Williams is recommended for the position. Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse to approve Rob Williams for the Blight Officer position. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland, to approve purchase of \$2900 stamps for the assessor's mailing. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Policy for Handling Payroll ACH Transactions. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Byl reported that we are looking at hiring a new CPA firm for our audits and will have a list of suggestions for the next meeting.
- The workshop results were reviewed from the Special Board Meeting on April 13, 2013.
- The John Deere tractor is 9 or 10 years old. Irwin gave a report on information regarding a zero-turn mower and recommended Skag as a possible purchase.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland, to approve bills and wages of \$26,861.55. All ayes.
Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.