

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
July 26, 2021

Called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, & Yarhouse. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs. Trustee Roland was absent.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from June 21, 2021, made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerks Report: A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Tubbs reported this is the report 6/21/21-7/23/21 – 25 Medical / 2 Downed Trees / 6 Downed Power Lines / 2 Misc. Fire (carbon Monoxide) / 1 PI (car accident)/ 1 Fire / 38 for the month / 181 YTD.

Light fixtures were updated to LED at the Fire Department. The Board had no problems to give away the old fixtures.

Dale Majewski: Reported the County a 2% increase in revenue. The Land Bank auction is being held 8/17/21 online only 10am-7pm. The County has their ARPA money, but the Townships need to submit to receive it. Dale asked if the Township had lost revenue

Supervisor Notes: Byl & Lard visited the site that Susan Carpenter wants to buy on Maple Street. July Board of Review met to correct errors and omissions, Tom Pirnstill filled in for Tom Radewahn. David reported that they gave Dorn Blanchard 100% exemption. Garfield Twp received the \$10,000.00 grant from the Clare Foundation for the pop-up shop. Byl gave the Board a drawing as to where the crushed concrete would go and where the parking area would be. Kevin reported that small elm saplings are popping up and his recommendation is that we take care of them now before they turn into trees. David Byl gave a map to the Board as to where "Welcome to Lake Station" sign would go. David gave us information about I.T. Right Cyber Security coverage. David reported that Trustee Roland gave him a list of questions concerning the Transfer Station. Butch Lofton said that Rick McNeilly built a fire pit so that they can burn safely. He also had Rick turn and combine the compost into 2 piles. He bought 42 yards of gravel near the roll off dumpsters. David reported tires are being cut but there are not on rims. The transfer station also does not take paint, engine oil, etc. S.J. reported that the guard rails are up at Cold Springs and West Beach. The Tennis court (Pickleball/Basketball) has been power washed and painted

Public Comment: Barb Lijewski reported about the great success of the 2-day Friends Sale at the pavilion. Dave Vasek reported that the residents are having issues with ATV's/Side by Sides tearing up their private road. They are being forced to put up a gate during the summer, blocking off access to the road for thru traffic.

Old Business: Clayton gave out the "Principles of Governance" to the Board to sign for MTA.

New Business: Byl gave information on the Charter Contract, motion to approve this contract was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. All ayes Roll call vote: Clayton-yes /Lard-yes/ Byl-yes/ Yarhouse-yes/ Roland-absent.

Byl spoke about using purchase orders for the Township. The Board decided to require a purchase order for any purchase over \$1,000.00. Motion was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion passed.

Jim Lard asked to do extra duties to help in the Township, he would like more duties. He was asked if he would like to start attending Road Commission meetings every month. He will start in August attending the monthly meeting and reporting to the Board.

Byl ask the Board for approval of Tri-County Contractor for high-speed broad band existing customers, we were given \$500.00 for the paperwork. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried. Roll call vote: Lard-yes /Clayton-yes/ Byl-yes/ Yarhouse-yes/ Roland-absent.

Clayton asked last month for the Board to consider moving the meeting time to 6:00pm. After some discussion it was decided to move the meeting time to 6:30 pm starting in August 2021. Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Byl. All ayes, motion carried.

Byl said that 2 properties at Bluff Lake are going on the tax sale. The residents are taking over and cleaning up the area. He is hoping that the right people buy these properties at Bluff Lake.

The Garfield Township Board approved the appointment of Greg Hall to be an alternate on the Perch Lake Board.

Approval of July bills in the amount of \$118,644.70. Motion by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton