

Garfield Township
Special Board Meeting Minutes
March 2nd, 2020 Noon

The meeting opened at 12:10pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell and Yarhouse and six residents.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for the March 2nd, 2020 meeting were approved Motion to approve the agenda made by Yarhouse supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

The supervisor presented the Poverty Exemption Guidelines, Resolution 2020-02 as recommended by the Board of Review. PA 390, 1994(MCL 211.7u.) which describes the eligibility requirements for the exemption. Motion to approve the resolution made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Farwell-yes, Byl-yes. Motion carried.

Our Workman's Comp Insurance coverage will be rebid to change the annual audit from April 1st, to come due at the same time as our budget fiscal year. Although this is not necessarily a financial change, our current vendor is not easy to work with. This will be an item in our next Board Meeting.

Hillcrest Road end. The neighbors, Toppings, have been contacted again, as well as the Road Commission (RC), about current concerns. Since this is a road end, it is under the control of the RC. They will work with the township to arrange access to Cold Springs.

A letter to Cease and Desist was sent to the Simmons about their encroachment on township property. They have stopped, but in contact with our attorney, it was suggested to send another Cease and Desist letter on the attorney letterhead. This will be discussed at the next Board Meeting. (old business).

Received reasonable letter from Brad Wagner about the gun shooting and tannerite explosions, which has caused some home maintenance problems at the neighboring residence, as well as aggravated health problems. They are not around a lot, but when they are, they target practice. They will tone back the tannerite explosions, which should alleviate the problem but not stop altogether, and. it didn't appear from the complaint that the target practice was a problem for the neighbor.

Gray Lake SAD Addressed the challenge about the SAD coverage and the back lots. Our attorney states it is of their opinion that the challenge is without merit. The PA188 act gives the township board the authority to establish SAD districts. Lakefront properties will have the benefit from the weed control and legal authorities infer that a court will presume that SAD will only contain lakefront (Tier 1) properties as valid PA188 district.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk