

**Garfield Township
Budget Workshop Minutes
April 10th 2019**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Farwell and Irwin. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs and two residents.

1. Call to Order and pledge of Allegiance
2. The meeting agenda for April 10th, 2019 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the March 25th regular Board Meeting after a wording correction was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Open discussion: **Treasurer** distributed the Treasurer's Settlement Statement for 2018. **Fire Chief** presented items to be considered for his Department, i.e. a) 800 paging; b) Jaws of Life; c) the military truck; d) Air Pack presentation. Has concerns about the huge problem of retaining Fire Fighters in all areas. A couple full time staff possibility. COLA raises. **Trustee**: wages need COLA. Building & Grounds in need of a maintenance schedule: hall floor, power wash Depot, parking lot. **USDA** grants for basic items. **Job Applications**. Twp Maintenance-30 hours, not enough. What about hiring a company to take care of the township and cemetery. Get bids? **Positive Pay** No need. **Blight Issues**. Couldn't avoid the Hearing-it was resident initiated. Have another resident needing a Court Hearing because of 12 cars in yard. Need to take care of problems. **Supervisor** distributed a budget work sheet for the board to enter their budget needs for all line entries, to be discussed at the next meeting on May 8th, 2019
5. Public Comment: Ralph Stewart. Listening to discussions on Air Packs. Eight Point Lake Association might be able to help with some funds, where needed. Miranda Edwards. Looking for Paving roads and township security in minutes. Concerned about a person living in a house with no electricity or water or heat.
6. **Public Hearing on July 17th at 7:PM** to discuss roads and security.
7. **Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried.

