

Garfield Township
Approved Board Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2021

Called to order at 7:00 pm (via Zoom) by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed, no changes made. Motion to accept agenda was made by Yarhouse, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the December 14, 2020 minutes was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Clerks report was made by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Report: Kevin Tubbs reported that Anthony & Brittany Chedester and Ryan Dewey are back active on the Fires department after a leave of absence. Kevin was concerned that because of the recent large fires that we had on one property that the cost of the extra Foam and destruction of Township property (Tire on backhoe, fire hose, etc.) needs to be looked at by the Board. Never in the Fire department history have we charged the residents insurance, but the cost is well over \$3000.00 that would have to come out of the fire department budget. It was decided to put on the February agenda for discussion.

Dale Majewski gave the County Commissioner report. The sub-committee has approved 20,000 acres in Clare County be treated for Gypsy Moths. In 2000 only 9,000 acres were treated. He also reported budget cuts in the sheriff department.

Supervisor Notes: The title search made on the Township property that were requested has been done. The amount of \$570.00 will need to be paid out before we receive the paperwork.

Public Comment: No comments

Old Business:

Grainger Building next to the fire department was discussed. Roland asked Kevin if the building would be useful to the fire department. Kevin reported that it was possible that a grant could be acquired for restoration or demolition, depending on the use that was needed. The asking price is \$10,000.00 and Byl said the CPA stated we could take the funds from the equipment fund. This property would be useful to the fire

department. A motion was made by Clayton to purchase this property for \$10,000.00, seconded by Lard. Roll call vote, Clayton yes/ Lard yes / Yarhouse yes / Roland yes/ Byl yes. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the revised December bills for \$103,428.26 was made by Yarhouse, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

Resolution 2021-02 Allow residents to protest their assessment in writing. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Lard. Role call vote; Clayton yes / Lard yes / Yarhouse yes / Roland yes / Byl yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 2021-01 Poverty Exemptions Guidelines. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote; Clayton yes / Yarhouse yes / Lard yes / Roland yes/ Byl yes. Motion passed.

Byl reported that he purchased a camera for future Zoom meetings. Once we are back doing in-person meeting's we will still give the residents an option to Zoom from home.

The pole barn at the Transfer station is completed.

Approval of January bills in the amount of \$65,093.49. Motion by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Roland requested we discuss the Gray Lake situation soon.

Next meeting is February 22, 2021 at 7:00pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton