

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2021

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

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 July 26, 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 Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Roland: Roland stated that the Township is in violation of the ADA Act, she emailed the Board phone numbers for cement contractors. Byl stated that we did a temporary fix until a permanent structure can be done.

Roland also stated that a concerned citizen called complaining about the noise and rentals from owners renting out their cottages on the weekend. Lard stated that he has had complaints about the same issue.

Trustee Lard: He has attended 2 Road Commission meetings. If people call into the Road Commission about a problem they will write a work order, it may take them a couple weeks to fix the problem. He also stated that the Gray Lake residents are worried they will go over budget on lake treatment, Byl stated that the budget is set, and treatment company has the figures.

Fire Report: Fire Chief Tubbs reported this is the report 7/24/21-8/23/21 – 2-Mutual Aid -26 Medical / 2 Downed Trees / 1 Weather Spotting / 2 Downed Power Lines / 2 Misc. Fire / 1 PI (motorcycle)/ 1 Fire / 38 for the month / 220 YTD.

New applicant – Mike Athey – Motion to accept Athey, pending physical, to the Garfield Twp fire department, was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Car Wash 8/28/21 10am-2pm

Barb Lijewski – Friends of Garfield Township Parks- The Friends have paid their pledged amount for the Peterson Park project. The Friends are purchasing 2 signs for Peterson Park and 2 signs for Cold Springs. Friends are decorating for Christmas; we have ordered 6 “Season Greetings” banners for the light posts along the trail. The Friends have also purchased commercial grade LED lights for decorating for Christmas. The Friends are hosting a “Christmas Sale” at the Depot on November 27th & December 4th.

Denise Bouchey on Hillcrest spoke to the Board and asked permission to block off a 3-house section for a block party on Saturday September 18, 2021, the road will be closed for general traffic from 6:30pm-10:30pm. Byl made the motion to authorize this request, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Supervisor Notes: Transfer Station had no power due to the storm and was closed until Saturday. Consumers sent an email stating because of the record storm, they replaced 1,580 poles.

Byl stated the tax sale went well and that 2 blighted places on Bluff Lake were sold.

Residents are calling the County Sheriff about the possible “chop-shop” running on Rock Rd by 8 Point Lake.

Public Comment: Joe Stragea stated that, at the meeting, the meeting time was changed to 6:30pm instead of the 7:00 pm meeting time. He would like it back to 7:00pm.

Keith Keeler stated that Peterson Park looks good but doesn't like the fact that \$20 thousand was spent. Feels we need to spend the money wisely and bid out the work.

Old Business: No old business

New Business: Byl worked with MTA and applied for the Covid Relief money...\$198,000.00, ½ will be paid this year and the other ½ in 2022. To date, we are still under review for these funds. MTA is giving us our guidelines about what this money can be spent on. 14 out of 16 Townships applied for this money from the government.

Roland requested that this money go into a separate account. Yarhouse will check with MTA for guidelines.

A revision is needed for the Perch Lake Board. The Perch Lake Board will be as of August 23, 2021.

Greg Butcher

Greg Hall

Joy Hall

Alternate: Greg Koladica

Motion to accept this revision was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of July bills in the amount of \$84,835.90. Motion by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton