

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 27, 2021

Called to order at 6:33 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 Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from August 23, 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 Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Trustee Lard:** He has attended 2 Road Commission meetings & a seminar. The problems that he has taken to the Road Commission meetings seem to be addressed and resolved. He has also approached the Road Commission with the road ends that are currently maintained by the Township. The Friends Group would like to improve these areas for the residents using them as a park. The Road Commission has requested more information from Jim at the next meeting.

He also asked the Road Commission for signage (speed, etc) by the park area on Lake Station Rd -apparently there is information coming out from the State on these issues.

**Trustee Roland:** Roland stated that the road ends belong to the County-we can only maintain them. The new website that Greg is working on does not have the archived minutes. She asked if they were going to be available on the website? Byl stated that is an issue that Greg Bergtold is still working on for us.

**Fire Report:** Fire Chief Tubbs reported this is the report 8/24/21-9/27/21 – 1-Mutual Aid -31 Medical / 3 Weather Spotting / 1 Mutual Aid / 1 PI (car)/ 2 Misc / 38 for the month / 258 YTD.

Barb Lijewski – Friends of Garfield Township Parks- Banners for Christmas have arrived along with the commercial lights. These will just add to the festive decorations we do for the holidays. The Friends will be decorating for Christmas on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, please come and join us. The Friends Group is looking for the next park to improve for 2022. Be sure to check out our new "donation pole" located on the Township property by the Trailhead.

**SJ / Butch:** Butch stated that they are using the wood chips from Consumers Tree trimming for a base around the recycling compactors. SJ gave the Board a drawing of the steps he has planned for Cold Springs in the Spring.

**Supervisor Notes:** Byl said that ARPA (Covid Relief) was approved and in 2021 we are receiving \$90,000.00 and in 2022 and additional \$90,000.00+/-.

**Public Comment:** Gay Ann Minch is beyond happy about the pending stairs at Cold Springs. Jim Lard asked if the residents on Gray Lake would be receiving a letter about the weed control owed to the Township. Yarhouse said she would like a copy of this letter. Marty Rottiers will mail the letters out on Wednesday September

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** Byl distributed a copy of the sign that will be at Peterson Park. He would like all the signage to look the same. We should update out signage at the Transfer Station and the Fire Department also.

The Fire Department paid volunteers asked Kevin why they are paid under minimum wage for attending meetings and training. Currently the rate is \$8.61 & minimum wage is \$9.65. Kevin would like to eliminate the meeting rate and just pay them their hourly rate for everything. Byl wants a resolution for October's meeting so that will go into effect for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2021.

The extended boom sleeve on the backhoe needs to be replaced. Butch has worked with Cat in Saginaw, and they found a new one that is \$1,500.00. The Board agreed to purchase this.

Byl gave an updated budget for Peterson Park. The walkway and parking lot still need some work done to complete this project.

Approval of September bills in the amount of \$85,739.84. Motion by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton