

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2024

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

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2023, Board Meeting was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Clerk:** Clayton had a conversation with the Assessor, Tina Wright, and MTA. Rules are that any assessor needs to be an employee. Wright has asked the Township to pay her a yearly salary of \$1,268.20 in March and to pay her company monthly, her contracted salary less the yearly amount, Central Michigan Assessing LLC. Per MTA this can be done. Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Roland and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**County Commissioner - Marlene Housler** reported:

- There will be a community meeting to discuss Emergency Services. Input is needed from the surrounding Townships; a solution is desperately needed. Currently, the services offered do not meet the needs of the residents.
- The meeting will take place on February 7, 2024, at 9:00 am in the basement of the County Building.
- John Wilson has selected an undersheriff, Edward Williams, he will start on 2/11/2024.
- Delinquent taxes for 2021 are due in March, if not paid the properties will go up for auction. If you know of someone struggling with their 2021 taxes, have them reach out to Jenny.
- Marlene will rerun for this next election term in 2024.

**Fire Department: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported:

- 12/19/23-1/22/24 there were 21 medical calls, 1 fire (Truck 9039 Trails End Dr), 2 misc, 5 road hazards for a total of 31 for the month and 21 year to date.
- Winterfest meeting will take place Sunday 1/28/24 at 10am, everyone is welcome! The festivities will be in town instead of out on ice. Kevin asked the Board of it would be okay to have the cardboard sled race on the property by the pavilion. Paperwork needs to be submitted to the DNR to be able to use this property.
- The entry doors were fixed and corrected.
- Trim on the overhead doors have been done.
- All non-taxpayers (non-property owners) will be invoiced for services rendered per incident.

**Supervisor Notes – Dave Byl** reported:

- Al from the Road Commission did a study on all the roads in Garfield Township. Their findings were not good.
- Good condition – 6.4% / Fair condition – 30.75% / Poor condition – 63.0%
- There is no money to fix the roads so a possible millage is what we may be looking for in the future.

**General Comment:** Gay Ann Messier asked the Board to repair the hand pump at the park. This is used by residents, especially when the power is out. The Board responded that to have SJ look into the cost and revisit this.

**Old Business:** Refund of transfer station fee on an over charge. Yarhouse will look back and see how far back that was being charged.

**New Business: Resolutions**

**Poverty Exemption-Resolution# 2024-1:**

Motion to accept this resolution was made by Clayton and supported by Yarhouse.

Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Board of Review- March 2024-Resolution# 2024-2:**

Organizational Meeting: 3/5/2024 at 3:00pm

Appeal Meetings- 3/13/2024 3:00pm-9:00pm

3/14/2023 9:00am-3:00pm

Motion was made by Clayton and supported by Lard.

Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Board of Review- July 2024-Resolution# 2024-3:**

Meeting for corrections: 7/17/2024 at 2:00pm

Motion to accept this resolution was made by Clayton and supported by Yarhouse.

Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Board of Review- December 2024-Resolution# 2024-4:**

Meeting for corrections: 12/11/2024 at Noon.

Motion to accept this resolution was made by Roland and supported by Lard.

Roll call vote: Roland-yes/Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Clayton-yes/ Yarhouse-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

**Speed Study on Lake Station-Resolution# 2024-5:**

This is a motion made by Clayton and supported by Lard.to have the County of Clare do a speed study & accept the results on Lake Station near the Garfield Park.

Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Refund property # 18-013-530-059-00 for Creig & Connie Grey on property they purchased and took the structure off the property. A refund of \$100.00 will be issued for this property. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Approval of Bills:** \$75,699.91 was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was held.

Adjourned: 7:30 pm -Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is 2/19/2024 at 6:30 pm

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton