

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2023

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.

**Public Hearing:** 2023-2024

- Increase solid waste from \$79.86 to \$100.00 a year.
- The extra \$40,000 in the Transfer Station's budget will help do the improvements needed.
- The rate of \$79.86 has been the same for 20+ years.
- Reduce fire millage from 3.9% to 3.75%, this is in accordance with our 5-year plan.
- The new trucks have been paid for and the fire truck purchased in 2014 with a loan from the USDA will soon be paid off.

Board Meeting reconvenes.

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

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

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes May 22, 2023, Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Clerks Report:** Clayton asked the Board to consider switching our John Hancock pension fund from Burnham & Flowers to Joe Birchmeier & Assoc. due to the lack of service we are receiving from Burnham & Flowers. It was decided to put this on a future agenda for more discussion.

**County Commissioner - Marlene Housler** reported:

- County has hired a new Drain Commissioner-Bill Faber
- ARPA money is being used to update the HVAC system at the County.
- The County was asked to redo one of the runways at the airport for the amount of \$22,000.00. The County Commissioners have denied this request.
- The boiler at the jail blew up and they were able to find one to repair it for the amount of \$22,000.00, this will be installed within the next couple of weeks. Currently there is no hot water at the jail.
- On 8/4/23 27 parcels will be at the tax sale. [www.taxsale.com](http://www.taxsale.com)

**Friends/Spark Grant:** Denise Hicks reported:

- Friends Treasure Sale will be held on Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-4:00pm.
- Spark Grant has been submitted for \$910,000.00. This will be announced in late September if we will receive this grant.

**Fire Department:** 5/22/23-6/26/23 18 Medical / 3 Fires /2 Mutual Aid / 2 car accidents/ 3 fire / 25 month / 144 YTD.

- Car wash scheduled for June was a success – July's car wash is scheduled for July 8, 2023.
- New applicant for fire Department, Austin Burgess. Motion to accept this applicant was made by Clayton and supported by Roland, pending background check & physical. All ayes motioned carried.

**Supervisor Notes:**

- Byl informed the residents that there is a form in the office for General Comments. This will be logged and distributed to the Board. It will be up to the Board if these will be discussed at the next meeting. This form needs to be submitted up to 1 week before the meeting.
- Perch Lake Rd was not brined for the last application, A resident came in and complained. Byl called and had what was missed, brined.

- A list of blighted places that were cleaned up were given to the Board. This is a history of what has been done. A current list will be given out next month.

**Old Business:** Ordinance# 2019-2 Marijuana.

- Jill Weeks was requesting a revision of the Ordinance.
- In 2019 the Board opted out of having this in their Township.
- Roland stands by the 2019 decision.
- Clayton, Lard, Yarhouse and Byl all support the 2019 decision to opt out.

**New Business:**

1. Kevin Tubbs spoke about the recent mercury spill; he spoke to Jerry Becker at the County about having a plan for Lithium batteries. Kevin went to a meeting and was given information on the hazardous material with lithium batteries and vehicles. Since the fire department does have an ordinance, he is requesting we modify it to include these batteries. The cost to our Township from the disposal and the health concerns of our personnel.
2. Byl does not want to adopt anything from another Township. Kevin will get information to the Board, and it will be on next month's agenda. Guidelines, costs, etc.
3. The transfer station needs extra help over the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Gavin Conroy has applied for this short-term position (7-10 days). This will be the temporary rate. Yarhouse made the motion, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.
4. Eight Point Lake Fireworks for September 2, 2023 (rain date of 9/3/23). Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.
5. Resolution to increase Budget Ending 6/30/2023:
  1. Assessor #257- \$500.00
  2. Cemetery #276 - \$1200.00
  3. Streetlights #450 - \$100.00
  4. Deport & Parks #806 - \$4000.00.
  5. Fire #336 - \$10,000.00

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.

Resolution# 2023-5 Establish Wages for Township Employees: Motion was made by Lard, supported by Roland. Roll call vote: Lard-yes/Roland-yes/Clayton-yes/Byl-yes/Yarhouse-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-6 Establish Supervisor Salary. Motion was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-7 Establish Clerk's Salary. Motion was made by Lard. supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call vote: Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Clayton-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-8 Establish Treasurer's Salary. Motion was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-9 Establish Township Trustee's Salary. Motion was made by Clayton. supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-10 Establish Depositories.: Motion was made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Roland-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Clayton-yes/Byl-yes/-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Resolution# 2023-11 Adopt Board meeting schedule for fiscal year-2023-2024. Motion was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills. \$105,330.50. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

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

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Roland, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned 8:13 pm.

Next Board meeting July 24, 2023, at 6:30pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton