

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2023

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

Clayton made an announcement to the public of Garfield Township meeting; Birchmeier & Associates were here to speak to the employees about the John Hancock pension.

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 May 8,2023, Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

Friends: Barb Lijewski reported:

- Friends sponsored bike ride Saturday June 17, 2023.
- Treasure Sale planned Friday June 30, 2023.
- Trees at Peterson Park are in and look great!
- Friends have approved new fencing at Cold Springs Park, concrete pads at all parks for the picnic tables.
- Purchased 4 tables for the Depot.

Fire Department: 4/25/23-5/22/23 18 Medical / 3 Fires /1 Miscellaneous / 2 PI (car accident w/injuries) / 1 PDA (property damage accident) / 25 month / 119 YTD.

- Repairs to the Dodge were approved at the Budget meeting.
- Car wash is scheduled for June 10th from 10:00am – 2:00pm.

Supervisor Notes:

- Present Budget for 2023-2024.
- The new Drain Commissioner has been hired - Bill Farber.
- Lien on Rodriguez property for tax sale.

Public Comment: Public comment was held.

Old Business: Budget questions from May 8th workshop.

New Business:

1. Budget increase \$6,000.00-Township 101-101-826 Legal. The motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Lard-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
2. Budget Increase \$1,500.00-Assessor 101-257-730 Postage. The motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Roland. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Roland-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Clayton-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
3. Budget Increase \$3,000.00-Cemetery 101-276-818. Contractual. The motion to increase this line item was made by Yarhouse, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes, Lard-yes, Clayton-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
4. Budget increase \$10,000.00-Township 101-802-702 Salary. The motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Lard-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
5. Budget increase \$10,000.00-Township 101-806-974 Add/Improvements-. The motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Lard-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.

6. Budget increase \$3,500.00 - 226-801-707 Retirements Benefits.-Motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Lard-yes, Byl-yes, Roland-yes. Carried.
7. Budget increase \$1,000.00-Unemployemnt Tax 226-801-708. The motion to increase this line item was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Lard-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
8. Budge increase \$5,000.00-150-265-930.000 ARPA Repairs & Maintenance. The motion to increase this line was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton-yes, Lard-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland yes, Byl-yes. Carried.
9. Rowe proposal for Township ballpark improvement. Motion was made by Clayton to pay \$5,000.00 to Rowe for the site plan, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.
10. Transfer Station rate for 2023-2024. Proposed to move the rate to \$100.00 so that improvements can be made that we are in dire need.
11. Fire Department Millage rate 2023-2024. Proposed to decrease the rate from 3.9 to 3.65.
12. First right of refusal on Tax Sale. Yarhouse made the motion to give up our 1st right of refusal, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Bills. \$29,314.83. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 8:40 pm.

Next Board meeting June 26, 2023.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton