

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2022

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 of November 26, 2022, was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Clayton to approve the Treasurer's report, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Dale Majewski: There was a short meeting with the County. At the last meeting the approval of \$20,000.00 for a new roof on the jail, the ARPA money will be used. There is a change the in the County employee's prescription plan. January 1, 2023, Marlene Housler will take this position.

Fire Report: Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 11/2822-12/19/22
16 Medical /2-Car Accidents/3-Mutual Aid/2-Down power lines = 23 for the month /333 YTD.
Firefighter Shane Henry stepped down. New Officers have been assigned. The Fire Department hosted a kids Christmas Party this past weekend. Over 100 children attended & gifts were given to all of them from Community donations.

Spark DNR Grant: Dee Hicks reported, the committee met on December 6, 2022. They are planning to apply in the Spring/Summer of 2023.

Supervisor Notes: Brine dates for 2023, 5/11/23 / 6/23/23 / 8/22/23.

Public Comment

Joe Stragea said that at this time of year we need Peace-stop verbally trashing each other. LG Roberts is against any ordinances. He wants more time to talk, 3 minutes is not enough. Blames Supervisor Byl for all the issues he is having with the legal system.
Darrel Runyon asked to talk to the Township lawyer. Byl told Darrel he would speak to him after the meeting. Byl needed to explain that the Public Comment is for the people to speak, the Board cannot engage.
Roxanne Hadley asked for clarification. If the Board wanted to vote on something, could it be passed at the meeting? Small town, strong views and we need to look at the community.

Blight: Byl distributed the blight report to the Board.

Old Business: Both Ordinances will be discussed at the Budget meeting on January 9th.
Yarhouse purchased 3 -\$40,000 CD's (8 Point Lake, Crooked Lake & Transfer Station) and a \$9,000 at 4% for 6 months. There is also another CD coming due on 1/1/2023 and Yarhouse is working with Huntington Bank on a rate.

New Business: D. Rogers from the Road Commission presented a plan for Lake Station from US 10, South on Gibson, Terry St & Lake Station to the County Line. Byl and Lard went to this meeting. Money can be stretched over 2 years and possibly using ARPA money towards the Township's portion. The residents would like something done at the 3-way on Mystic Lake, by Lake General, Sherry's Hardware. Maybe a blinking light, 3-way stop, etc. Hopefully by working with the Road Commission we can find a solution to this problem. Bids for more road work are needed, Byl stated that the Board could go up to 3 mills without a vote from the Community. Roll call vote to commit with the Road Commission for the repair/black top of Lake Station. Lard made the motion, Byl supported it. Roll call vote: Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Roland-yes/Clayton-yes. All ayes, motion passed.

Resolution to apply for the Sparks DNR Grant #2022-11: Need to apply for this Grant with back-up from Garfield Township, meaning that it is paid at the time of service and the Township will be reimbursed. Byl made the motion and Clayton supported this motion. Roll call vote: Byl-yes/Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Roland-yes.

Approval of Bills in the amount of \$47,253.19. 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 Clayton. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Next meeting January 9, 2023 (Budget Workshop), at 6:30 pm / January 23, 2023 (Monthly) 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm was made by Lard and supported by Clayton.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton