Garfield Township

Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 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.

* Board meeting recessed and the Public Hearing on the Budget was started. The supervisor reviewed the budget and asked for any changes the board members might have at this time. There were no additional changes.
* A Public Hearing on the Solid Waste Assessment. No changes were necessary for the 2022-2023 Budget.
* A Public Hearing on the Fire Department Special Assessment, renewal of the Operating Millage’s 1.6 and 2.3 mills renewal for Equipment.

The Public Hearing closed, and the regular Board meeting opened.

Jason Orton from David Chapman Agency spoke to the Board about the renewal of our insurance policy. Jason will check on the coverage for the pop-up shop.

**Minutes**: A motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2022, was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: The Board was given May 2022. Motion to pass was made by Lard, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

**Friends of Garfield Township Parks**: Barb Lijewski reported that the Treasure Sale is taking place on Friday 7/1/22.

**Road Commission Report**: Trustee Jim Lard reported that the Road Commission now has a boom mower for the large jobs that have been neglected. Lard reported that the Road Commission ran the numbers on Garfield Rd and the cost is over $270,000.00.

Trustee Roland requested that the Blight be listed on the agenda separately instead of under Supervisor notes.

**Fire Report**: Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 5/24/22 – 6/27/22.

30 Medical / 1 Electrical Fire/ Misc. Car Fire / 2 Downed Power Lines/ 5 Down Trees /2 Mutual aid = 43 for the month /174 YTD

The next car washes will be July 9, 2022, from 10-2pm.Please come and support the Fire Department.

2 new candidates have applied to the fire department, Cody Hart and Morgan Barnard. In-house physicals are taking place. Kevin asked the Board to accept these applicants, pending physicals. Clayton made the motion, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Supervisor Notes:** CLIA clean-up day went well**.** Volunteers painted, cleaned the beach area at Peterson Park, Pavilion rummage sales have been taking place daily. Byl checked and there is an ordinance that states someone cannot use a picnic table for longer than 2 hours unless permission was given by the Township. The ordinance has been posted. This will be on July’s agenda.

DNR Signs are installed. Township signs are on order. Pop-up shop has been delivered. Plans are being made to have it painted, electrical installed, etc.

Blight update: 3 Abatements (clean-up orders) are in the 60-day period. Blight clean-up on Rodriguez has been awarded to Garfield Township.

Found out that the 20’ property that the residents have used & maintained for a very long time at Bluff Lake, found that it has no parcel ID number.

**Public Comment**: Lori Mott from the Register of Deeds spoke about the State Primary election on August 2, 2022. You can only vote all republican or all democrats. The General election in November, you can vote anyway you want.

**Old Business**: Motion to have a Property Split fee of $75.00 was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**New Business**

* Resolution to establish Township Supervisor salary was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton-yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to establish Township Clerk’s salary was made by Lard, supported by Roland. Roll call vote; Lard yes, Roland yes, Byl yes, Yarhouse yes, Clayton yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to establish Township Treasurer’s salary was made by Roland, supported by Clayton. Roll call vote; Roland yes, Clayton yes, Byl yes, Yarhouse yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to establish Township Trustee salary was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes, Lard yes, Byl yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to adopt budget for fiscal year, Budget 2022-2023. Motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Clayton yes, Yarhouse yes, Lard yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to adopt the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2022-2023. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
* Resolution to establish depositories at any Clare County Bank or Credit Union FDIC insured in fiscal year 2022-2023. Motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse yes, Lard yes, Roland yes, Byl yes, Clayton yes. Motion carried.

Cold Springs will go on the agenda for July 2022.

I-Deal Asphalt: The Transfer station cost is $5,368.00. Motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Byl said the Friends would like to have a sculpture put near the trailhead by artist, Jeff Best. He asked the Board to agree to pay $2500.00 towards helping the Friends achieve this goal. The Friends have invested over $150,000.00 into the improvement of Garfield Township. The Friends have also gone to Crooked Lake and 8 Point Lake for a commitment on this project.

Roland stated that she has been asked why we don’t have a veteran’s memorial. She feels that the Board needs more time to consider towards this sculpture. Lard likes the idea of putting funds towards this sculpture. Yarhouse like both ideas and supports doing somethings like this, she feels we need to be careful using taxpayers’ money. Clayton would support a sculpture.

Byl will put this on the July agenda.

Byl reported that the roof bids came in. Millers was the best bid at $46,013, for the Fire Dept., Township Hall, and garage. The Depot is an additional $8803.00. Shingles have been donated for the Depot. Having steel roof makes sense and maybe use the shingles for the buildings at Garfield Park on Lake Station.

A motion was made to approve the $46,013.00 by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills in the amount of $147,341.96. 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 8:00 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl Clerk – Janet Clayton