Garfield Township

Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 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 and amended. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2022, made by Lard, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report was made by Lard, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried. Yarhouse shared that the letters to the Gray Lake residents were going in the mail on Tuesday 5/24/22 for the properties that were not charged for the Special Assessment, as per agreement.

**Road Commission Report:** Jim Lard reported that the Road Commission (RC) a special workshop is planned on how the RC are servicing our roads. According to the RC, Garfield Twp has the 3rd highest in the County of money spent for maintaining the roads.

**Lisa Roland:** Roland feels that the Blight account should be in a different spot than listed under Board. She would also like the meeting moved back to 7:00 pm.

**Fire Report:** Kevin Tubbs reported this is for 4/25/22-5/23/22 - 22 Medical / 1 Car Accident /1 Standby / 131 YTD. Fire fighter Mike Athey is no longer on the department. Evart FD loaned us a fire vehicle, because Tender blew an injector ($2000.00+ to repair) Jazmen Thorp & Josh Sweat graduated from MFR. Fire Dept car wash scheduled 6/11/22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. New safety officer is Ryan Dewey. The Transfer Station had a diesel leak. This was assessed and it was reported to the County and the State. A firm will be hired to come in and clean this up. More news to come on the cleanup.

**Dale Majewski**: Dale reported that Senate Bill# 783-784 if passed, a refund/credit back to the Township for Veteran Tax Exemption, instead of the County. Gypsy Moth spraying has begun in our Township.

**Friends of Garfield Township:** Barb Lijewski reported that the Friends are having a bike ride on June 11, 2022, starting at 6:30 am. The Treasurer’s Sale is scheduled for July 1, 2022. She brought in a beautiful Christmas quilt, and the Friends are selling tickets for $5.00 each. Drawing will be in November.

**Curtis Schaub – Candidate for County Commissioner:** He is running for District 1-Clare County in the election this year. He feels he would be a good candidate for this position.

**Marlene Housler** - **Candidate for County Commissioner:** She is running for the sameposition as Curtis. She feels she is a good candidate for this position.

**Supervisor Notes**:

* Pest Control for Township Hall and Fire Department.
* Signage in the Township.
* Diesel tank failed at the Transfer Station; Coyne no longer supplies them for free. Rick McNeilly has one for $500.00, containing a hand pump.
* The tanks will be insured
* An invoice was sent by the Fire Dept to Heinz Propane when their driver rolled the truck for services from our FD. Byl settled this via a telephone call for $1000.00.
* Byl received a list from Jenny the County Treasurer, on properties in our area going for tax sale. One of these properties are listed as Blight.

**Public Comment**:

Gay Anne Messier spoke about last September when SJ gave a drawing for steps at Cold Springs. Gay Ann asked Jim Lard if he would ask the Road Commission if the road ends can be turned into parks. Robin Yarhouse spoke to Gay Ann and said she is afraid of doing anything over at Cold Springs due to the liability. Robin is open to look at ideas. Gay Ann asked the Board for steps at Cold Springs. Byl will put on New Business for June 2022.

**Public Comment**:

Kent Hawley on Garfield Rd reported that it is a mess. Water over the road and a huge mud hole. Needs to be graded. He also reported that when the tree trimmer hired by Consumers dropped the branches, they left them in the ditches. Water cannot flow in the ditch area.

**Old Business:**

BS&A is confirmed for $32,345.00. Motion to purchase this BS&A program was made by Clayton supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. We will have cloud access for Account Payable, General Ledger, Payroll, Tax and Assessing. Our kickoff is on May 24, 2022, at our office for a 3-hour meeting.

**New Business**:

Clare County Equalization Invoice will be tabled until next month. Dale spoke to Sandy Bristol about this, Pete Preston oversees this. Byl asked Dale to have Pete reach out to Tina Wright, our Assessor.

Crooked Lake Firework on 7/9/22 and 8 Point Fireworks on 9/3/22 gave the Township certificate of liability. Motion to accept was made by Yarhouse, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Bids given out for I-Deal Asphalt and Rite-Way. This will be put on the June agenda; Byl will talk to I-Deal on the bid.

Byl asked the Board to purchase the Diesel Tank from Rick McNeilly for the Transfer Station for $500.00. Clayton made the motion, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Approval of May’s bills in the amount of $62,098.46 Motion to pay this amount was made by Lard, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl Clerk – Janet Clayton