Garfield Township

Board Meeting Minutes

September 26, 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 was absent. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

**Agenda**: The meeting agenda was reviewed and #4 (Treasurer’s Report) was removed. Motion to accept agenda was made by Lard, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes**: A motion to approve the minutes of August 22,2022, was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**: No report

**Road Commission Report**: Trustee Jim Lard reported that the Road Commission (RC) stated that the RC is trying to finish projects before winter. Drivers are out getting the road ready for the upcoming winter months. Contact the RC if you see a problem area and they will put it on their list to take care of.

**Friends of Garfield Township Parks**: Barb Lijewski reported that The Friends of Garfield Township will decorate the Depot on November 12, 2022. Tear down date is January 28, 2023. Quilt raffle will be held on November 26, 2022.

**Dale Majewski**: The County spoke to the attorneys about the setbacks for spraying of gypsy moths, they have opted to do a 100’ buffer instead of 600’. The County received a first responder grant for $54,000.00. The lake assessment through the drain commission passed and will go through to the taxpayers.

**Fire Report**: Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 8/23/22-9/25/2022

26 Medical /2-Down Power line/2-Road Hazard/2-PI Accident/1-Gas Leak/1-Fire = 34 for the month /270 YTD.

Jozlyn McCracken/Payton McCracken new cadet candidate applicants. Lard made the motion to accept them as candidates and Clayton supported it. All ayes. Motion passed. New fire trucks will be a bit later than planned, due to back orders on some equipment. Kevin reported that steel on the lower part of the fire department should be replaced due to rusting. DeGeer Builders gave a bid of $3,600.00. He will get a few more bids. Kevin distributed the updated 5-year plan for the Fire Department.

Tom Russell, a resident of Garfield Township asked to be on agenda. He wants his road drivable; the weather destroys, it is not passable. Do we need a road millage? Mr. Russell feels it is his right as a taxpayer to have a drivable road.

**Supervisor Notes:** Byl emailed out to the Board a revision of our blight ordinance and a new grass ordinance. He asked this to be put on New Business for the October meeting. Roland thought that the blight revision was something that should have been addressed when he took the job as Blight Officer. She feels that the Blight Officer needs to be more transparent to the Board.

BS&A update: Now that we have been using this program it is time for more training on items that were no covered.

Jeff Best sculpture: The Friends have paid their share of this project.

USDA for the Fire Department grant was given copies of canceled checks& invoices from the companies.

Byl received a call from the State Police about the destruction to the water tank at the Trailhead. Apparently, the Prosecuting Attorney has decided not to seek charges against the kids.

**Public Comment:** LG Roberts spoke about how the Township is harassing him, wanting him to clean-up and make his area look good. He has been taken to court and blames Supervisor Byl for harassing him. The attorney fees are adding up and he is glad to make the Township pay.

**Blight:** Byl handed to the Board information on blight.

**Old Business**: None

**New Business:**

Approval of Bills in the amount of $182,269.40. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Next meeting October 24, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl Clerk – Janet Clayton