

Garfield Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes January 27th, 2020

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Irwin and Farwell. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs, Dale Majewski.

Agenda: The meeting agenda for January 27th 2020 was approved after a motion from Irwin and support from Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16th, 2019 Board Meeting minutes from Yarhouse. Supported by Roland. One abstained. Motion carried.

Clerks report. Fund balance report for 2 months was reviewed and motion to approve by Yarhouse, Supported by Irwin. Carried. She also told of the VITA free tax preparation program, just call 211 for an appointment. With the Election Commission committee, confirmed a meeting for Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30pm.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Dept. Report: Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 314 YTD in 2019. There were 21 incidents for the month: 13 Medical; 1 Gas Leak; 2 PDA's; 2 Misc. Fires; and 3 PI's. He reported he would like to replace the Grass Rig. A proactive ordinance concerning the Opioid Epidemic might be considered as to the use of Narcan, following an overdose. Subsequent overdoses should have some consequences tied to the administration of Narcan. Perhaps community service for the second time and possibly a misdemeanor charge, for repeat overdoses going forward etc. There were fire personnel awards for various performances for the year of 2019. A citizen ran a barricade at a Fire Dept pipeline emergency road closure. This is a 2 year felony. License plate number was reported.

Fire Dept. Aux. Winter Fest is February 22, 2020. \$10.00 per person. We will have a 5 K run, Red Neck Curling, Toilet Seat Horse Shoe Toss; Corn Hole Bean Toss, Raffles every hour, and more. After the event the party, cash only, will be at the Eagle's Rec and designated drivers will be available.

Dale Majewski, County Commissioner: Second hearing for the Road Commission, Accepting applications for 2 more road commission members. Price increase in the records dept to search records from \$5.00 to \$6.95 each.

Friends of Gray Lake: Committee presented a motion to the board, that they have 55% consents from the lake front owners to proceed with a special assessment for the control of weeds and algae in Gray Lake under PA188. **Motion reads as follows:**

Township Boards Under PA 188:

Township, by motion of the board or by petition of owners 51% of land area may initiate a SAD for implementing lake projects. This allows funds to be collected by assessment for paying for improvements. Board authorizes the preparation of a plan that describes the improvements and their location, along with an estimate of cost. Township is required to have a Hearing to obtain public opinion and a second one to establish the Assessment Roll for the SAD. A Township also has the authority to pay management costs out of the General Funds.

Motion to approve PA 188 petition was made by Irwin and supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Byl-yes, and Roland-yes. Motion carried.

Blight Update: An informative field trip was made by office personnel involved with the blight files and letters. It was note that some issues, just, will not go away.

Supervisors Notes: 1) 2020 BVP Census. Signed a form that boundaries of township are correct. 2) BOR training in March to be attended by three members. 3) Greenwood Township is hosting a seminar on Gravel Roads and Maintenance. 4) Working on Website issues with administrator. FYI: We have had two properties returned to the township by the County Treasurers office.

Public Comments:

Joe Straega- Spoke on the passing of Louis Tessman.

Carolyn Shamon: Wants to have a petition/Ordinance to ban exploding bombs etc, in township. Her home has had ceiling damage because of the close proximity of a neighbor firing these explosives all day, to say nothing about the trauma to her animals. This must be stopped.

James Monahan: Chaplin for the Michigan State Militia and Republican Delegate. "Self government is not a spectator sport. We need to be involved! "

Tom Pirnstill: Support our County Commissioners, money we get is mandated by the state and we keep getting a smaller amount. Rick Outman and Jason Wentworth have townhall meetings monthly. Attend these. They are very informative and get your concerns addressed.

Old Business: a) BS/A Financial program. Tax and Assessing records are on this programming. Would like to have all of township records in this BS/A but it is very expensive. B) Treasurer to purchase an electric stove for the Depot.

New Business: 1) Consumers Energy Easement. Consumers would like to purchase an easement to the power pole at Peterson Park for the home at 511 N Crooked Lake Dr, across the street. The home owner will pay \$500.00 for the service hookup. Motion by Irwin to allow the service from this pole. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried. 2) Backup power for the hall. This will be discussed at our budget meeting.

Approval of Bills: Farwell made a motion to approve bills, supported by irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Yarhouse, Supported by Farwell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell Clerk