

**Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 22, 2018**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Yarhouse, Irwin and Clayton filled in for clerk Farwell. Also in attendance were Fire Chief Tubbs, Clare County Commissioner-Dale Majewski and Under- Sheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski (Midge).

1. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for October 22, 2018 was changed per Roland, remove Employee Review, was approved by a motion from Irwin, and supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2018 with 2 corrections on names of new fire fighters. A motion to approve the minutes from Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.  
10/3/18 – Election Commission Meeting – sidebar (can't approve without Clerk-Farwell)  
10/4/18- Special Meeting–motion to approve by Roland, supported by Yarhouse-3 Ayes. Byl not at meeting-motion carried.
3. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 258 runs YTD, with 20 Runs for the month; 13 Medical; 2 PI's/car accident; 1 down power; 1 Mutual Aid; 2 down trees; 1 Gas Leak.
  - 60 kids attended the Truck/Treat held on Saturday October 20, 2018.
  - He reported Richard Gott passed his testing and is now adding an additional medical trained person in the Township.
  - Cadet Dustin Hund & new firefighter Emily Young have stepped down and moved from the area.
  - We have a new applicant, Emily Schmieder would like to join pending background check, physical and Board approval. Motion to accept by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Department Aux:** Haunted Forest is scheduled for Friday 10/26 through Sunday 10/28 – help is needed to work this fundraising event.
6. **Clare County Commissioner:** Dale Majewski, distributed meeting minutes.
  - He reported that a new affairs director for the V.A. Services.
  - A grant in the amount of 360/K was given for fighting the drug crisis in our county.
  - Mid-Michigan Community College is funding a fulltime security for the college.
7. **Friends of Garfield Township:** Jeanie Stewart & Barb Lijewski reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony. Big thank you to all to help make this a success.
  - The USDA deposited grant money into our account.
  - The Friends are planning a bake sale at Jay's on Sunday 11/18/18 from Noon-5:00 pm.
  - We are planning on decorating the Depot and pavilion on Monday 11/19/18 at 1:00 pm.
8. **Peterson Park:** Janet Clayton reported that power has been hooked up. Thank you letters have been sent to 3 newspapers for all the work that was done by the Union hall in Traverse City.
9. **Discovery Group:** Greg Bertgold did a power point presentation and it was followed by questions and answers from the audience.

**10. Supervisors Notes:**

- Supervisor Byl read a memo he prepared to the Board.
- He reported that due to medical leave Ron Valmassoi will be off for 6 months, Bill Schneall will replace him for this time.
- Due a credit the Waste Mgmt bill was not paid this month.
- The CLIA old office items needs to be thrown out.
- Board meetings for the next 2 months will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, due to the holidays. Nov 19, 2018 and Dec. 17, 2018.

**11. Public Comments:**

- Joe Stragea wants David Byl replaced as Blight officer.
- Brenda Keeler defended David Byl as the Blight officer. She stated that she doesn't see much Board attendance to Township functions, except for the Supervisor.

**12. Old Business:**

- Job descriptions for Township janitor and Fire Department janitor
- The immediate supervisor is Bill our maintenance supervisor
- Clarification was made to Irwin & Yarhouse at the previous meeting.
- Cooks Landing-DEQ dry hydrant will need to go on the agenda.

**13. New Business:**

- Scheduled Budget meeting for November 7, 2018 needs to be cancelled and the date changed.
- The Audit is scheduled for November 12 & November 13, 2018.
- Should a newsletter go in the taxes? A green tri-fold sheet is available at the Township office and also at the Transfer station. It seems to have all the information on it for the residents.
- Should be we eliminate the calendar on the website? Is it being used?

**14. Approval of Bills:** A motion to approve all bills was made by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.

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*David Byl, Supervisor*

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*Joan E. Farwell, Clerk  
Transcribed by Janet Clayton*