

**Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 2020 7:00pm**

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Irwin and Yarhouse absent. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs

Agenda: The meeting agenda for November 14th, 2020 was approved after adding the Tax Tribunal Assessment Roll and moving the Dump Trailer from Supervisor Notes to New Business, with a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes October 26th, 2020. Motion by Irwin, seconded by Irwin. Motion carried.

Clerks report. Fund balance report for November 2020 was reviewed and Tabled for December because of an audit change. Feedback will be sent to the Board members.

Treasurers Report: Motion to approve was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Report: 10 medical; 1 mutual Aid; 1 (car accident); 1 Chimney fire, 1 Down Power line; 1 Road Hazard, for 14 MTD and 275; for 22 in October. 275 YTD. He reported they will have a Food Drive that will help 11 needy families.

Supervisor Notes, David Byl: **a)** Tax Tribunal ruled we must -Step 1: Schedule a new public hearing and present a new Assessment Roll for Gray Lake Front properties for the SAD, without the brothers. Cost must be paid by the SAD. We need to file and display the Tax Roll for public viewing and then certify the roll within 30 days. The roll was distributed to the board. **b)** This was the last official meeting for Joan Farwell and Mark Irwin. They were thanked for their service to the township. **c)** Distributed a Tilson letter of intent of interest in placing a Cell Tower at the very back of the Cemetery Property. (Note: This might give the Fire Dept good, discounted, reception on the tower) **d)** The deck entrance to the township was replaced at a cost of \$3,725. Discussed options for the ramp coming from the road. **e)** Board of Review is scheduled for December 15th, 2020. **f)** Clare County Assessing Agreement Equalization for township not passing AMAR requirements twice, then the County will step in to help comply. **g)** Confirm the purchase of the BSA software funding program. **h)** WIFI is up and working at the Depot.

Public Comment: JIM LARD, Complimented the township for the WIFI Hot Spot and how students can have access to Virtual Classroom instruction. Note: There will be signage on the Depot advertising the Hot Spot. School days and hours are fluctuating daily, so families need to know this WIFI is available for their use.

Old Business; Hall entrance: J D Millworks made a bid for a concrete ramp with a steel or aluminum railing anchored into the concrete, ADA accessible, for up to \$1,200. Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland to accept the bid for up to \$1,200. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business: a) TCF and Isabella Banks need a letter or minutes for the following information. Effective November 20th, 2020 the following persons are authorized to sign checks and be responsible for online banking procedures, Robin Yarhouse, Treasurer and Lisa Roland, deputy Treasurer. Janet Clayton, Clerk and Joan E Farwell, deputy Clerk. b) Dump Trailer: We have an opportunity to have the Dump Trailer hauled from Land of Lakes, Florida to Michigan for \$700. 7'X16' trailer weighs 14,000 lbs. Trailer cost is \$5,900 to &6,000 to purchase there. Alot more here in Michigan.

Approval of Bills: Motion to approve bills made by Farwell, Seconded by Irwin.

Adjournment: Motion to Adjourn made by Irwin. Support by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried

Next meeting is December 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

Supervisor, David Byl

Clerk, Joan Farwell