

**Garfield Township**  
**Unapproved Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 7:00pm**

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, County Commissioner.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda for February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 was approved after a motion from Yarhouse and support from Irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Board Meeting minutes from Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 made by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, all ayes. Motion carried.

**Clerks report.** Fund balance report for January was reviewed and motion top approve by Yarhouse, Supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried. She also said that Pontem will no longer be offering its Payroll Program after 2020. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021, after yearly reporting is completed, the program will cease to exist. Remember to vote in the Presidential Primary Election on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am till 8:00pm.

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

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 41 YTD for 2020. There were 27 incidents for the month: 23 Medical; 1 Structure fire; 1 PI. He reported that former fire fighter Tommy Hawley, fully trained, would like to return to the department. The water well continues to be problematic. May need to be re-drilled or may need oxidizing. Jeff Campbell has been awarded Honorary Fireman at Winterfest for 2020. Winterfest has earned a profit of \$3,000. Motion to approve Tommy Hawley made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Dale Majewski, County Commissioner:** Gypsy Moth program will be placed on a ballot in the future. County received 14 apps for the Road Commission which has been narrowed down to 4. County budget meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00am.

**Friends of Garfield Township:** Janet Clayton reporting for the chairman. The new Depot windows are installed. Friends made \$420.00 plus at the Jay's Bake Sale.

**Supervisors Notes:** 1) Board of Review organizational meeting is at 8:00am on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. The Board will meet with residents on March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3:00pm until 9:00pm and again March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am till 3:00pm 2) Fair Salvage, Merle Harmon. We received \$597 from our last container. We were paying \$200 per container hauling. Decreased to \$170 per container, with an increase in the money we receive per ton. 3) The state is placing more pressure on Board of Review training requirements. 4) there is a Gravel Road Seminar offered at Greenfield township on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 5) Gun/noise Ordinance-On Garfield Road, gun target shooting and explosions have cause noise and home damage to a neighbor. Spoke to the owner who will work out a solution with the neighbor. 6) Liberty Mutual Insurance. Our Workman's Comp carrier. Hoping to get into the Accident Fund as a carrier because of the timing of audits necessary to arrive at policy pricing in a more workable time frame.

**Public Comments:**

JOHN CUMMINGHAM- Census 2020. Last census left Gladwin County at a 22% undercounting which came to a \$9,9000,000 shortfall in funding received. Needs 335 applicants for Census takers, paying \$16.00 per hour plus mileage, with flexible hours. Addresses are provided on cards, strictly counting persons in households, either on the mostly used short form with only 9 questions or sometimes needed longer form, which takes about an hour to complete. These forms can also be completed online by the home occupant.

MIKE SHANNON: Exploding targets needs the have home owners insurance company involved instead of asking for an ordinance.

GAY MESSIER: Cold Springs. Property not owned by neighbor. Just get the steps back. Owner wants to sell property. "Discussed putting the steps back in public ROW" Owner cannot encroach on public property. Implied easement. Need access to the beach. Been up here 3 times about this issue.

JOAN BROWN: Cold Springs. 30 year resident. What if someone falls down trying to get into the area. How good is our insurance if someone gets hurt. Who gets sued? Rope off the swimming area. Boaters throwing junk out of the boats. Think Safety.

JOE STRAEGA: Cold Springs. 5" deep dirt over township property line, denied use of 24' of lake front. Owner has taken the property. Selective enforcement of laws and rules. Non-feasible of public office

LORI MARTIN-County Clerk: Presidential Primary Election, 3 ballot types-must choose a Republican or Democratic or no party Proposal Ballot. No May election. Register of Deeds now has online access to land records- (Webpage= ROD/Tapestry) Cost is \$6.95 to access. CPL's can get renewed on line. You can get a Veterans ID card for \$10.00 with a copy of your DD214. The County has recovered \$49,000 is restitution in 2017 and we are at in 2019 \$122,000 currently be some of out online services. And lastly I am running for re-election for County Clerk again.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1) Commercial Shredder: bought a shredder for \$160.00.

2) Sheryl Judd: Approval for renewal of the webpage for \$174 + \$15.00 for webpage work total of \$189 for one year. No objections.

3) Tires for Fire Truck are shot. R Gott has 2 bids but not here tonight. Need to approve a purchase of new tires for up to \$1,000. Motion made by Yarhouse, seconded by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

4) USDA Grants. A committee formed with Jeanie Stewart, Marty Rottiers, Greg Bergtold, Amy Scoville, and Jackie Morgan(USDA) to pursue a non-matching Grant of \$100,000- develop a long term plan for community enhancements. Grant application deadline is March 31, 2020. Resolution #2020-02. To apply for a USDA Grant by March 31, 2020 for long term planning for Garfield Township. Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes; Farwell-yes; Roland-yes; Irwin-yes, Byl-yes. Motion carried. Jackie is also pursuing a grant for Air Packs thru the USDA. Seeking a resolution to pursue writing this grant with matching funds. Resolution 2020-02 to authorize an application for a USDA grant for the purpose of purchasing for SCBA's equipment including the fill station equipment. Motion to authorize the resolution for applying for SCBA Air Packs and SBCA Compressor System made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes; Roland-yes; Byl-yes and Farwell-yes; Motion carried.

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

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Yarhouse, Supported by Farwell. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm