

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 22nd, 2019**

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

1. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for April 22nd, 2019 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10th, 2019 Budget Workshop meeting. A motion to approve the minutes from Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. **Clerks report.** Funds Equity Report. Motion to approve by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 92 YTD. There were 15 this month; Med 10; Downed Line 2; Chimney Fire 1. Mut Aid 1; Grass Fire 1
Received a thank you from Judith Saupe and Tom Radwhan supplied a flag for the Fire Station
6. **Fire Dept. Auxiliary.** Easter Egg Hut had lots of kids. We have pictures from the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair, a huge success.
7. **Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner:** Left the Commissioners minutes. MSU for Extension 4H. Pete Preston in for Equalization Dept. reported hits the townships took on personal property tax may be refunded through the Local Stabilization Fund from the State. Township Supervisors have concerns about the Road Commissioners board and responsibilities and compensation. County Commissioners will need to look at the compensation package.
8. **Blight Control Officer report:** Rock Rd property has been cleaned-up.
9. **Supervisors Notes:** a) Attended for Clare County Commissioners meeting. Concerns about the Road Commission composition and compensation and restrictions due to limitations of the Open Meetings Act. Suggest to increase board for broader input on road issues. b) Received a USDA Accessibility Self-Evaluation questionnaire to complete. c) Need a Tire container at Transfer Station. Charge or not? d) Sell the old John Deere to be discussed at Budget meeting.

- 10. Public Comments:** Tom Pirnstill thanked the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair Participants in the Fire Dept and Auxiliary in the Children's gym. And for transporting the Smoke Trailer, etc. Community participation was great and the blood drive had 18 pints donated, the best ever. He also asked the board not to accept Bill's resignation.
Joe Stragea: The government is taking hits on taxes on all levels, but so are the people, thru lost jobs, et. Don't raise taxes.
Bill Scheall Thanked Tom and the Township.
- 11. Old Business:** MTA resolution. Should elected township officials be partisan or non-partisan? The resolution offered to support or oppose the resolution was read by Farwell and supported by the Yarhouse. A Roll Call Vote followed. Farwell-oppose; Yarhouse-oppose; Byl-oppose; Irwin-oppose; Roland-oppose.
- 12. New Business:** a. Acceptance of Bill Scheall resignation; Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin, All ayes. Motion carried. b) Motion to accept Richard Gott for Township Maintenance was made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried. c) The board agreed to view the 1016 Vape presentation at a future meeting. D) Need to sell the John Deere tractor. Will be discussed later.
- 13. Approval of Bills:** A motion to approve all bills was made by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
- 14. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E. Farwell, Clerk