

**Garfield Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 18<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, Farwell, and Irwin. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was approved with a motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes.

**Minutes:** A correction to the minutes for May 6<sup>th</sup> Budget Workshop was made to remove the Board Resolution paragraph. Motion to approve the minutes May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was made by Yarhouse and support from Irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Clerks report.** Fund balance report for May was reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Roland, Supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

**Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported in April was 19 incidents for a YTD total of 105 for 2020. 9-Medical; 1-PI, 1-Mutual Aids, 1-illegal burns, 4-trees; 1-PL and 2-Power lines down. New applicants are John McCracken, MA and Mason McKenzie-Cadet. Motion to approve the new members made by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried. There are now 3 fire fighters on medical leave. On the Budget proposal-can use 40K out of reserves to get on track. Could hold off well situation-pulling water from the lake. Building is in need of some maintenance. He also mentioned the adjacent property with small pole barn and a (could-be) historical building is for sale for \$10,000. Could be a good buy. Board will make an appointment to tour the buildings.

**Steve Lambert:** resident on N Shore. 8 Point Lake Rd is in bad shape and in need of repair. Called the Road Commission, they said it is a township problem. I'm a taxpayer and I expect action.

**Candidates:** JIM LARD, running for trustee. Lives on Gray Lake, married and has one son. Retired from Gordon Foods. Coaches football and power lifting team. Has application in to Farwell Schools but COVID-19 put running for Garfield Clerk. Have been coming here a hold on it. Coming here for 35 years and am now a resident. See good things happening and want to be involved. I am a team player.  
MARTY ROTTIERS-running for Trustee. Resident for 30years. Was an Administration Assistant to the Superintendent of Bridgeport Schools. Have been an Election Inspector for many years and Deputy Clerk to Florence Mowery. I was the Clerk for 6 years. Am involved with Winterfest, secretary of the Friends Group and volunteer on all committees. I bring experience and am a team player. I offer resolution to problems and brainstorming.

JANET CLAYTON: Owner since 1988 full time resident since 2015. Worked 20 years a comptroller for a manufacturing company doing payroll and customer service. I am an election Inspector. Am a team player, member of the Friends Group, treasurer of the 8 Point Lake Association. We need to grow our BS&A technology programs for our future.

RALPH STEWART: Running for Treasurer. Owned property since 1950worked in Midland. Involved in Tax BOR for 5 years. Attends Board Meeting as well as Neighborhood Watch. Asst Treasurer for 8 Point Lake and was chairman of the 8 Point Lake Improvement Assn., which is overseen by the Drain Commission and others organizations. Want to improve the accounting operations and benefit the people. Bring a fresh prospective to the position.

**Blight Update:** Gave tickets to Wright and Carpenter rental properties. One Carpenter property is being sold.

**Supervisors Notes:** a) Clare 911-ordinance updated.

b) Letter from the USDA Grant, saying the grant has been accepted and will be reviewed.

c) Tax Tribunal for Gray Lake. Filled out all forms and sent by certified mail. Need another meeting to present the tax roll.

d) Cat purchased. John Deere sale entered on Ebay. Board members objected to not using sealed bids.

E) Al Leonard will be at the June meeting to discuss the Pacer Study.

**Public Comment** RALPH STEWART agreed with Steve Lambert about N Shore Dr road condition. Stated the road is about to go over the cliff.

**Old Business:** a) David Chapman, Par Plan. In July the township is reverting back to the Par Plan Insurance. WC will then be in the Accident Fund. Final vote at the Budget meeting.

**New Business:** a) Received a bid from Ideal Asphalt for 1-Transfer Station \$4,366, 2-Township Hall \$2,270 and 3-Fire Hall \$2,365. Motion to accept the bid was made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. The township will need to repair the large holes created at the Transfer Station.

It was also mentioned, that a maintenance plan to have this done periodically should be developed.

b) Supervisor request 1-opportunity to increase the voluntary contribution to the retirement plan from 10% to 20%. 2- would appreciate \$1,000 for the past 8 years placed in his pension plan, based on his accomplishments. c) Gray Lake, Steve Erickson. Regarding the SAD setbacks occurring with the Tax Tribunal. Would appreciate an advance for the township of \$3,000 to pay for milfoil treatment of the lake and would repay this advance with interest, or whatever the amount. The window for this treatment is June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> 2020. A motion was asked for, but none was made. A special meeting is planned for Tuesday 5-26-2020. d) Budget for 2020-2021. Supervisor received notification that our shared revenue from the state will only be have of what is usually received, so we will be \$12,000 short to start. He highlighted areas on the Preliminary budget for the board to consider. The Fire Chief explained what considerations he had in preparing his budget, what he considered essential and what could be deferred for awhile.

e) Account line item resolutions for 2019-2020.

Board of Review	101-247-956.000	\$ 300	Cemetery	101-276-956.000	\$ 1,500
Employee benefits	206-801-709.000	\$ 3,500	Retirement	206-801-707.000	\$ 3,000
Building & Grounds	226-265-956.000	\$ 8,000	Perch Lake	841-445-818.000	\$ 1,500
Crooked Lake	843-445-818.000	\$ 10			

Motion to accept the account line increases made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse.

Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes; Yarhouse-yes; Roland-yes; Byl-yes; and Farwell-yes. Motion carried.  
f) Byl mentioned that subdivision maps are now available on line.

**Approval of Bills:** Farwell made a motion to approve bills for \$63,900.01, supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Roland, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

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David Byl, Supervisor

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Joan E Farwell Clerk