

**Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner, 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 May 20th, 2019 was approved by a motion from Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
2. **Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 8th, 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 Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurers Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Farwell, supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. **MSU Extension-Maggie Thompson-4H Club coordinator.** Explained the Summer Short Time Program. Would like to know how many kids might get involved and ages. Need volunteers. 3 references are required and background checks. Several events are already working in Farwell. All materials are provided through the MSU Extension.
6. **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 116 YTD. There were 26 in April; Med 24; Illegal Burn 1, Mutual Aid 1. Three fighters resigned: Sarah Williams, Emily Snear, and Ty Krabill. Three new fighters are: LeRoy Knowlar, Ryan Dewey and Dillon Hund. Two are experienced. Back ground check and physicals done. Motion to approve the new fire fighters was made by Irwin and seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. **Dale Majewski, Clare County Commissioner:** None. Questioned about Grant Township and the Road Commission. Is money available?. R C has received an extra \$600,000.
8. **1016 Prevention Coordinator-Emily Allison:** Presentation on Electronic Cigarettes-ENDS-Electronic Nicotine Delivery System-Vaping and the dangers to our youth. Several systems are available, but the JUUL System, seems to be most popular with our youth. JUUL is laced with nicotine and can be habit forming. It boasts of 7,000 different flavors and many with names that appeal to the youth. Flavors, (pods), may also, be altered to other, even more potent flavors, causing harmful, irreversible, lung damage. 35% of JUUL is owned by the Marlboro Tobacco Company. 63% of the people using it do not know it has nicotine in the pod. Vaping doesn't really help a person to quit smoking. Some vaping products have exploded causing fires and physical damage. The Vaping temperature can get up as high as 450%. Pods have been picked up by small children and been ingested. Vaping can be inconspicuous in the schools and I meet with students who have been caught Vaping and they go thru an informational program to let them know

the dangers to themselves. They tell me where they get the ENDS. No regulation is available yet, but it is being worked on.

9. **Moose Juice Owner-Kim Mano: Owner Vape Shop.** Legislation SB106 is coming soon. She has testified to the State. It is federally illegal to sell to anyone under 18 years of age. Vaping is 95% safer than cigarettes. She has had 400 people give up cigarettes since she started her business. Vape shops will not sell to kids and kids should not vape.... Not taxed like tobacco, yet. The state makes 92 billion in tobacco taxes.
10. **Blight Control Officer report:** Distributed the list of blighted issues what is happening to several addresses.
11. **Supervisors Notes:** a) Texting in now available to 911. b) By year end our office computers and server needs to be upgraded to Windows 10. That's 6 computers.
12. **Public Comments:** Joe Stragea: Recent school vote-voted down. Need to go to ballot school. 25 million! Voting again in November. Tell the School Board they need to find a better way.  
Keith Keeler: live on Hillcrest. Treasurer's report not detailed enough. Blight conditions in the township, need to look at other programs/opportunity. Dave is officer of township, should not be paid as an employee.  
Tom Pirnstill- Marihuana Ordinance. Should have one. Kids don't need more problems.
13. **Old Business:** Greenscape- will push the brush and leaves back at the Transfer Station in exchange for the mulch. TS is out of room. No one from the township has picked up any mulch since the workers changed. This to be renewable yearly. Passed by a consensus of the board.
14. **New Business:** a) Account line items adjustments for Budget year 2018-2019.

101-191-702.000	+ \$ 1,000	101-191-860.000	+ \$ 300
101-191-900.000	+ \$ 260	101-215-703.000	+ \$ 2,000
101-101-826.000	+ \$ 2,000	101-257-956.000	+ \$ 1,100
101-257-730.000	+ \$ 400	101-101-826.000	+ \$ 5.000

Motion to accept the account line increases made by Farwell, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Farwell-yes; Yarhouse-yes; Irwin-yes; Roland-no; Byl-yes. Carried.  
b) Motion to approve the Marihuana Ordinance #2019-2 made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Roland-yes; Yarhouse-yes; Byl-yes; Irwin-yes; Farwell-yes. Carried
15. **Approval of Bills:** A motion to approve all bills was made by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
16. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried.