

**Garfield Township**  
**Special Board Workshop Minutes**  
**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6:00pm**

1. **The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell, Irwin, Roland, Yarhouse, Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs and two citizens.

2. **Agenda:** The workshop agenda for the April 17, 2018 was approved with a motion made by Irwin. Supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. **The purpose** of the Budget Workshop and the worksheets presented, were explained by Byl. The COLA increase will be 2.1% for wages based on the fiscal year.

4. **Fire Chief:**

a. The Fire Chief shared his budget requests with the group which is an increase of \$7,000 over the 2017-2018 Budget amount. A discussion ensued about budget needs being more than the expected revenues. A tentative decision was made to stay reasonably within the revenues received, even though the department has reserves that would handle overruns for several years. Long Term- Stick to the budget-Arrange for reserves. A revision of the budget request will be undertaken.

b. The chief talked about possibly replacing the Squad truck. It was discussed that refurbishing could be a better plan.

c. There are other fire departments using medical personnel, like nurses, who only go on medical runs and do not fight fires. Would like to pursue that for our fire department. Former policies were brought up about all personnel having to complete Fire Fighter One training within a certain time span.

5. **Transfer Station Attendant Job Description:** The description was discussed at great length. Some revisions were made to remove some gray areas. Interviews for an additional transfer station attendant will be done on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> and brought to the board on Monday. Mark, Dave and Bill will do the interviews. We have received several applications.

Dave is working with Waste Management on the contract. Explaining that changing companies would be very expensive. A question as to how WM recycles was brought up. Where is our recycling going? This will be checked out. Discussion on tire recycling costing a lot of money. Should we stop taking tires or should we start charging? Probably create more problems than savings. Our Scrap Metal is paying us well.

We will start using a Card for renters using the Transfer Station. The cards will have an expiration date on them, because many renters move frequently.

6. **Preliminary Budget** was distributed to and explained to the board. The board is charged with making their suggestions to the budget on May 15, 2018 for 2018-2019 for a final approval.

7. **Public Comment.** Joe Stragea-Commented on the Senior Citizens still meeting at the DAV Center. They are having potluck meals and being able to enjoy each other's company. Their numbers have also grown. He also mentioned that rather than increase property owners taxes for the Transfer Station, we should charge people for recycling tires at so much per tire.
11. **Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn was made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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*David Byl, Supervisor*

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*Joan E Farwell, Clerk*