

Garfield Township
Approved Board Budget Workshop Minutes
September 12th, 2018 7:00pm

1. The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell and Irwin and Roland. Yarhouse absent. Three citizens.

2. Agenda: The workshop agenda for the September 12th, 2018 was reviewed with one item added. Motion to approve the agenda made by Irwin. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. 8572 W Eight Point Lake property. The property was sold by the township thru the Sheriff's Sale to local residents for their business. However, another property which they had tried to purchase before, which was more suited and a better location for their venture, became available. So, since they had a buyer for the Eight Point Lake location, they proceeded to resale the property to the other buyer. A title search by the title company discovered that the Eight Point title was not 'clear title' due to a company called Link Star not recording their interest in the said property. The only way to have the property transferred to another buyer now, is to find the Link Star company and have them correct the problem and send a correcting deed; or for the current owners to file for a 'Quiet Deed', which is a timely enterprise to begin with. The purchaser requested that they be able to Quit Claim the Deed for the property back to the township. After much deliberation, the board voted to allow the Transfer of the property via a Quit Claim Deed with a motion by Irwin and support by Farwell. . Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Farwell-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes and Yarhouse absent. Trustee Roland wanted in the minutes that 'This is why she feels the township should not be buying properties.'

4. Minutes: The minutes of the regular board meeting of August 27th, 2018 were reviewed and a question was asked by Roland about her request that the Fire Dept. job descriptions being tabled was not in the minutes. The answer was that the minutes reflect the list of job descriptions to be talked about at the next regular meeting, which automatically indicates that all other job descriptions are tabled. Motion was made by Irwin to approve the minutes, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. The purpose of the Budget Workshop and the worksheets presented, were explained by Byl. Our General Fund millage is still at 1 mill per \$1,000 valuation.

At some point the township will need to increase the Transfer Station per residence cost. The millage rate of .71 not been increased since 1974. The tire disposal has been costing the township a lot of money. We probably should not be doing it or we should be charging the residents bringing the tires in. The board was in agreement that we will no longer be accepting tires. New business for the next board meeting

The police coverage committee was not a request of the township board, but that of concerned citizen's initiative. We need to be able to be in control on this or they will be dictating on how the money should be spent for this coverage, which will be in the order of a special millage assessment, not out of our General Fund.

The Fire Dept. has the same millage of 1.9 since 1998.

We also need to be aware that road improvements should also not be coming out of our General Fund. Brining is working for our roads but is very expensive. Although, drainage from runoffs doesn't stop.

This being said. There is no way that several special assessments can be asked of the property owners at once.

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk