

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2017 7:00pm

- 1. The meeting** opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance and the Star Spangled Banner. Board members present were Byl, Irwin, Yarhouse, Roland and Farwell Excused. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Township Parks Committee.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the January 23, 2017 were approved after an addition to add the Sheriff. The motion by Yarhouse. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19th, 2016 with a correction of K Tubbs to change MMR to DNR and a question of missing Items 15 & 16. Motion by Roland. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried
- 4. Clerk's report.** Excused.
- 5. Treasurer's** Roland questioned a CD discrepancy. Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** No Report
- 7. Trustee Roland:** None
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 305 runs YTD. There is a total of 36 runs YTD; 25 medical, 2 Structure fires, 3 Mutual Aid; and 6 Misc Fires. New fire fighter applicant. Levi Treloar. Motion to approve the applicant made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried. The Fire Dept. received a thank you from Robert Vanderkolt for rescuing them from Crooked Lake after their snow mobile went through the ice. There is a leak in the Pumper Truck. It would cost \$3,000.00 to fix. Currently, it is only used to haul water. **Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Read by K Tubbs, fire chief. By-laws dictate 25% of funds raised must be for the Fire Dept. Funds raised were \$1,454.18 so purchased ice cleats, chaps, pole saw, ext. cords, sawsall, 6 chairs and 4' ladder. Next meeting for Winterfest is 1-28-2017 at 10:00am.
- 9. Clare County Commissioner** – Left the meeting minutes for anyone who wanted them. Gyspe Moth report there is no increase in egg mass. There will be some ad-hock meetings up-coming because there is a 10% decrease in revenues.
- 10. Sheriff report:** Kelly Bailey- neighborhood watch meeting on Sunday 1-22-2017 at 2:00pm. Levi Smith is taking over as chair of the Neighborhood Watch meetings. She will be working on a schedule for our township.
- 11. Jeanie Stewart; Friends of Garfield Parks**—January meeting cancelled due to weather. She is working on another Grant application. \$1,000.00 was received from Mid-Mich Health and another \$10,000.00 will be coming from the Saginaw/Bay Watershed. The lake Station Project will be hi-lighted in the Saginaw/Bay Booklet.
- 12. Supervisor Byl reported:**
 1. External door replacements. The hall door latch doesn't lock easily without fussing with it, and checking to be sure it has locked. The alarm has been triggered because someone walked in that door which should have locked. The doors are rusted and are not in compliance because commercial external doors have to have push bars on the inside for a quick exit when needed. Quote to replace doors from Mt Pleasant Door and Sash, which is a reliable company is \$5,142.00. Full thick Glass doors. Roland doesn't like the glass doors and wants to look at the budget to see if we can afford them. Yarhouse stated there are glass door at the bank and they have no problems. This needs to be taken care of because of hall safety. Irwin wanted three bids, but Byl had talked to 4 companies and no one will come except one other who wants us to remove the doors so he can turn in a bid.
 2. Rod Williams resigned as Blight Officer.

3. 8 Point Lake Dr property- Spoke to the property owners behind the property to see if they were interested in purchasing. We need bids of \$5,000.00 or more to recoup our costs of cleanup. Seeing permission from the board to get bids on the land.

13. Public Comment:

1. James Monahan spoke about politics. 2. Kim Mannor wants to apply for a license for a Medical Marijuana dispensary. A \$5,000.00 fee and 3% of revenues would go to the township. She stated every township has to have one.

14: Old Business:

One sealed boat bid was received. Opened by Byl. Bid was for \$201.00 from Jesse Kelly. Now 2 out

15. New Business:

- Need to replace the kitchen floor with a vinyl one piece covering. We would buy the flooring and it would be installed for \$250.00. It was mentioned to also replace the bathroom floor.
- Vote to replace on the external doors was made by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Roland commented that the office looks great, but what happened to the excess items, can't just be thrown out. If the item has value it must be sold and voted on by the board through the Michigan Constitution. Lisa printed off the list of Do's and Don'ts for disposal from the Michigan Constitution, through MTA. The lights and fans were recycled through the transfer station. Byl took the old gray metal desk home to use as his 'supervisor in home' office, which will be returned when Byl is no longer the supervisor. These rules were unknown to the township and common sense dictated proper disposal. A motion was made for all fixtures that were recycled or disposed of by Yarhouse, less the metal desk. Seconded by Irwin. Roll Call Vote: Yarhouse-yes; Irwin-yes; Byl-yes; Roland-no; Farwell-excused.
- Roland asked why the blight officer resigned. The blight officer said he was downsizing his hours and doing more consulting now, but would follow up with his one on going case.

16. Approval of Bills: Motion to approve the bills was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk