

**Garfield Township**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**March 27, 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, Yarhouse, Roland, Farwell with Irwin absent. 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 March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 after a motion by Farwell to accept the agenda, adding the Sheriff Deputy and a sealed boat bid. Supported by Yarhouse. Irwin Absent. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was made with corrections by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. Motion carried. Irwin-absent. All ayes. Motion carried

**4. Clerk's report.** Reminder of the Budget workshop for April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00pm and the Petty Cash Audit by the Treasurer.

**5. Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer reported that the Tax reports are done and she is waiting for the tax payment for all delinquent taxes. The County pays the Townships for all delinquent taxes outstanding at the end of the Tax year. This is why the County is then responsible to collect these taxes. Motion by Roland, seconded by Farwell. Irwin absent. All ayes. Motion carried.

**6. Trustee Irwin:** Absent

**7. Trustee Roland:** Nothing to report but wanted to know the status of the Transfer Station stickers.

**8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 21 runs for February, 12 were medical, 6 mutual aide, 1 downed power lines and 1 downed tree. He also reported that Stephen Conroy has turned 18 years of age and is now instated with Fire fighter status.

**Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Read by K Tubbs, fire chief. Sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon and on April 15<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary will be at the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair.

**9. Clare County Commissioner** – Left the Commission meeting minutes for anyone who wanted them. The Board of Commissioners approved a \$5.00 increase for Garnishments. The State recommends that a security wall be built in the jail. A Budget workshop for the commissioners has been set for April 4 & 5, 2017

**10. Sheriff:** A new deputy, Deputy Shawn Gerbe, introduced himself to the board and citizens.

**11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks**—Still waiting to receive word about the grant approval from Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. She said there were 87 grants and 57% were for developing trails and trail heads. The Rowe Engineering quarterly report listed all successful grant applications in the report, which included Garfield Township. We were also awarded a \$5,000 Grant from Clare County Community Foundation.

**12. Supervisor Byl reported:**

- a. The Garrison property has been cleaned and a purchase agreement has been received..
- b. We will be deciding on a date for the Mystic Lake Dr Corridor Study.
- c. A thank you was extended to D Runyon for the blight clean-up of a neighboring proper.
- d. There will be an opening at the Transfer Station effective June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. The job will be posted.

**13. Public Comment: See attached**

- J Monaghan
- L G Roberts
- Joe Stragea

James Monaghan: My name is James Monaghan. I'm a delegate here. A Republican delegate. Have been a delegate in Washtenaw County for many years and I live here in Lake. I'm a Chaplain for the militia. I'm not a priest. Franciscan Order. I've had a Engine Show at Domino Farms for 31 years and I have a real problem with hiring the "village idiot" to go around and tell people what they can do on their property. When you come home at night from a hard day's work, you want to be at peace. You don't want somebody coming around saying you got to pay \$500 to have this old car there or you have to clean up or whatever. Trash! That's one thing. Too much garbage! That's one thing. One man's junk is another man's treasure. Some of my best friends have antique engines laying all over their yard and they have every right have so! You wouldn't have truck parts if it weren't for those kind of people. I'm retired. I'm an inventor, a tinkerer, and if anybody violates my rights, I'm gonna fight them to the law!. My brother has a law school! (Next few words were muffled) Do you want to be sued?! Mess with me! And I feel that way about anybody in here! It's against the Constitution to go around sending the "village idiot" around looking for trouble. You're non-amity! It used to be that way, when it comes to that! A man has a right to have a sanctuary where he lives. It's in violation to meander around to get a man out of his home. I just heard about PJ's deal. I don't know all the details—some flaw in the land contract—or something. To tear a guy's house down, taking a man's livelihood away! These people don't have jobs today because they shipped all our jobs overseas. We're worried about little things like cutting the grass and somebody said someone couldn't have a clothesline across the street here. MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! The job of government is to protect your right to own your property! And it's a violation! We've got a lot of problems in this country. We've got people talking about killing the President. We're not going to have another Kennedy-Kennedy's brother or Kennedy's son. That's why I'm in the militia! Because you're not following the Constitution! Barbary vrs—I don't care what laws they pass—Barbary vrs Madison-never been overturned! Any law that's against the Constitution, -null and void-out of space-never had to enforce the law, doesn't have to be obeyed-and you can resist it! A lot of these are not constitutional and are creeping encroachments on us. That's how these things happen. There never used to be 'targeting'. They're going after you to supply money. And how can you raise your own salary?! There's something wrong with that. You shouldn't ever get a raise until the next guy after him comes into office.

L G Roberts: I haven't attended a few meetings and rumor has it that Mr. Byl, our township supervisor, would like to be our Blight officer. And order himself a pay raise. And then again, it might just be hearsay. I'm here to remind you that if you did hear it and I'm here to tell the board and Mark isn't here, Your supervisor, Mr Byl, flagrantly blackmailed me with his blight desires to get his agenda that he wanted, willingly falsified information to an attorney, who had no idea, No Idea, about what my properties around town looked like. Bill Scheall witnessed this. He won't stand up to you for fear he will lose his job. So, I don't know what it's going to take, but I can tell you this. I will not stand by silently. You flagrantly blackmailed me, in front of a witness. I should have sued to township. This is my township. You, you are one of the wanna be, Mr god. OK! If the board doesn't pay attention and allow this man to be Blight Officer. Who is enforcing or trying to enforce unconstitutional acts against it's own people! I remind you to read your hand book. What your duties as representatives of our township are. You are a representative of all the people. Not the wealthy, not the poor. All of the people, everyone of the voters of the township. So you go ahead and I will have no choice but to meet the township in court. You, Mr Byl, will be directly sued for your acts. That's all I have to say. It's absolutely wrong! You know it and I know it! I did notify the board of this. I gave you all a handout of the things Mr Byl did against me.

J Stragea: I point out that you people have a loose cannon on the quarter deck. One of these days he's going to crash on the railing and anybody that's tied to him too closely is going over side with him!

**14: Old Business:**

- Code Enforcement Officer. Tabled until a meeting with the attorneys. Available dates will be announced at the April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**15. New Business:**

1. Boat Bid. A sealed bid was received for \$205.00 for the boat with the Chrysler motor. From J Carpenter. Bid was more than \$200.00 so the bid was accepted.
2. Attorney meeting to be a teleconference if Ok with the board. Board Ok'd the teleconference.

**16. Approval of Bills:** Two questions about the bills. An inquiry about the Liquor Control Bill and the Fire Dept. 911 bill for \$150.00 by Roland. Roland made a motion to accept the payment for bill, Supported by Yarhouse. Irwin absent. All ayes. Motion carried.

**17.** Meeting adjourned at 8:44PM

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David Byl, Supervisor

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Joan E Farwell, Clerk