

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 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, Roland, Farwell, Irwin and Yarhouse. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Twp. Parks Committee; Sean Gerbe-Sheriff Deputy, Ken Lind, Lind Insurance

2. Agenda: The meeting agenda for the October 23th, 2017, with two additions. Motion to approve the agenda made by Farwell. Supported by Roland. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 Special Meeting, was made after a change in the title from Workshop to Meeting and an addition to #7. Motion to approve the changes was made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

4. Clerk's report: A special employee meeting is planned for Monday, October 30th, 2017 at 6:00pm for information on investments with John Hancock.

5. Treasurer's Report: Distributed. Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, Supported by Farwell, with concurrence from the treasurer that the report is comprised from the bank statement reconciliation with many outstanding checks noted as if cleared. A partial CD was cashed in to cover any shortfall until our next Revenue Sharing. All ayes, motion carried Motion carried.

6. Trustee Irwin: None.

7. Trustee Roland: Study Open Meetings Act.

8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 20-runs for July, 13-were medical, and 1-misc. fire, 2-downed power lines, 1-mutual aid, 1-tree and 2-PI's. Total for the year is 231 runs. MOOREEEE

9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary: Becky Gott-Auxiliary Chair. Trunk or Treat Saturday 10-28-2017. Set up at 4:00pm Start at 6:00pm at the Fire Hall. Winterfest meeting on the 29th at 10:00am. New member is Dawn Runyon. Working on a plaque to thank donors for their flag pole donations.

10. Clare County Commissioner – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. Nothing to add.

11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks—

- a. Construction on the Trail Head was to start today, but because of the weather didn't. We have flyers up at the General store, transfer station and township office to let people know what is going on. The contractor will work until November 17th and close down until April, 2018. Completion is scheduled be June 15th, 2018.
- b. The idea for street lighting from Consumers Egenry is tables for now . Need to focus on the trailhead parking lighting. Met with McMillan Lighting Architects who are considering options.
- c.

13. Sean B; Sheriff Deputy: Presented stats for our area for August provided by the NW: 1 home burglary, 9 car/deer accidents, 12 general assists, 4 arson's, 11 ambulance runs, 1 BOL (be on Lookout), 1 damaged property, and 2 house calls. (Q) What can we do to get rid of deer carcasses? They are gorse! Perhaps some prisoners could remove them.

14. Supervisor Notes:

- a. The Cemetery fence is completed. Great job done by Bernie Rottiers.
- b. The government has amended the law for government owned vehicles which states a CDL is no longer required to drive a Fire Truck.
- c. Split the bill for Road Repairs to pay \$20,000 and the rest next year
- d. Need to schedule a special meeting for budget and Blight items. Wednesday, October 18th at 6:00pm

15. Public Comments:

Joe Stragea-Asked not to be interrupted. I was not happy with having to deal with my problem in public but when government is not responsive, then have to conduct my own business with them, not getting input. I have a plan and I'm working on my plan. I think the the Blight Officer, Mr Byl, be dismissed from the position.

Jim Monahan-78 years old. Discussed the history of our country and world leadership. Political and religious. Offered web sites to the attendees to go to see what is wrong with our country.

Steve Erickson-Grey Lake. Distributed Act 188 for special assessments to their lake for aquatic weed control.

16. Old Business: None

17. New Business:

A. Motion to accept the yearly Streetlight Resolution from Consumers Energy made by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, and Farwell-yes. Motion carried.

B. Property bid -8572 Eight Point Lake Rd. A bid was sent in for \$4,000. Asking bid was \$5,000. Bid rejected.

C. Cold Spring proposal for the adjacent property. Board had been told the owner wanted \$27,000. Amended to \$28,000. CLIA would like to see the township purchase the property for more township lake front and safer swimming conditions. Cindy Rank, realtor handling the property was giving up her commission if the township would purchase the property, but the cost to the township is too high. The board voted not to purchase the property.

18. Approval of Bills: Irwin made a motion to approve the payment of bills, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

19. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk