

**Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 22th, 2018 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, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; Sheriff Deputy, Urnal; and Marty Rottiers-Friends of Garfield Twp. Parks Secretary.

2. Agenda: The meeting agenda for the January 22nd, 2018. Motion to approve the agenda made by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

3. Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the January 17th, 2018 Special Budget Workshop Meeting was made after a correction of the start time. Motion made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

4. Clerk's report: None

5. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried.

6. Trustee Irwin: None

7. Trustee Roland: None

8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: Reported 18-runs for the month, 13-were medical, 4-mutual aids and 1-PDA. Total for the 2018 is 288 runs. Seven awards were given to fire fighters at their annual dinner.

9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary-Becky Gott. Winter Fest is February 24th, 2018. Volunteers are needed. This year we have T-shirts, sun glasses and new mugs. We will have a breakfast at the Fire Hall during Budfest weekend on July 11th. Anyone can join the Auxiliary. We had an appreciation dinner to thank Jen Tubbs and Sue Allen.

10. Clare County Commissioner – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees. There are two new members to the County Recreation Board. The Commission does not own property but there is a possible land donation across from Tom's Trading Post along the Rails to Trails that is being considered on which to place benches for the bikers.

11. Marty Rottiers: Friends of Garfield Parks—The Friends Committee is selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Drawing will be April 15th at 2:00pm at the Lakeside Bar, who is also selling tickets. Flyers have been placed in many local businesses. On February 11th, there will be a Valentine Bake Sale at Jay's from 12pm till 5pm. Also a Hot Dog sale at Witbeck's on July 2nd and 3rd. Because of a donation to the committee, the caboose fence is in progress. Lastly we will be holding a Rifle Raffle in the fall to late October.

12. Supervisor Notes: None.

13. Sheriff Deputy, Urnal: Reported there was a car-deer accident. 911 is not, currently working, in our township, but it is in other townships. She was questioned about some area calls to 911 not being reacted to.

13. 14. Public Comments: Joe Stragea questioned the commissioner about the Lake Senior Center being closed. He was supposed to have a meeting with Lori (Ware) Phelps to go over grievances but she cancelled the meeting. The next thing he knew, it was in the paper being closed for unsafe conditions. They had just spent money fixing the lighting and heating systems. He is at a loss to know what has happened. We have been slandered as villains and slum landlords.

Dale Majewski-Commissioner. In answer to the senior site questions. It was not an easy decision. Many concerns had been expressed. A site visit had been done by Lori and there were issues with the condition of the site and regulations involving meal sites. All other senior services are still being provided and the seniors are welcomed at other sites. He will pass the questions on to Lori Ware and hoped they would get together to discuss the problems.

14. 15. Old Business: None

15. 16. New Business:

Just an FYI that the Transfer Station would not be open on Wednesday, July 4th, but instead would be open on Thursday July 5th.

16. 17. Approval of Bills: One additional bill was added at the meeting. Then a motion to accept all bills was made by Irwin and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

17. 18. Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Farwell. Motion carried

David Byl, Supervisor

Joan E Farwell, Clerk