

**Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
December 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Clare County Commissioner, Dale Majewski; Sheriff Deputy-Ben Jurkovich, and Jeanie Stewart-Friends of Garfield Twp. Parks Committee.

**2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion to approve the agenda made by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board Meeting was made after a correction to the month and a spelling error in Item #8 and in Item 14 to add a comment about payment of attorney fees by the Gray Lake Association. Motion made by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. Four ayes, one abstention due to absence at the last meeting. Motion carried

**4. Clerk's report:** None

**5. Treasurer's Report:** Distributed. Tax collections going well. Motion to approve the report was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

**6. Trustee Irwin:**

**7. Trustee Roland:** None

**8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs:** Reported 29-runs for the month, 21-were medical, and 1-misc. fire, 3-mutual aids 2-downed trees and 2-downed power lines. Total for the year is 276 runs. He met with MIOSHA and has 10 items to correct. He was told a Fire Department a size like ours usually has approximately 40 items to correct. He thanked the Keeler's for the water donation and Carrigan's for the Candy.

**9. Fire Dept. Auxiliary:** Given by K Tubbs. The Kids Christmas Party had about 50 kids. Winterfest is all set. There will also be a Hat/Mitten Drive.

**10. Clare County Commissioner** – Dale Majewski left the commissioners meeting report for attendees.

**11. Jeanie Stewart: Friends of Garfield Parks**—The Friends Committee will be having some fund raisers. A 50/50 raffle to start in January and later a Rifle Raffle.

**12. Supervisor Notes:** None.

**13. Public Comments:** Ellen Close from Big Mud Lake commented on the road conditions at Big Mud Lake. The entrance road was relocated and has a downhill turn to the north. 4 vehicles have slid into the ditch off this road. Area is a private lake but it was plowed by the Road Commission on the main road from Kay-Lynn Dr down to the lake. Would like this to happen again and have a guard rail placed around the curve so no more accidents happen. Irwin will talk to the Road Commission.  
Margaret Geyer said what a great Christmas Party the Fire Dept did for the kids on Saturday.

**14. Old Business:** None

**15. New Business:**

1. Greenscape Tire Contract renewal. No tires currently. The container for the tires was relocated. Fee/tire is \$5.50. Motion to accept the contract was made by Irwin, seconded by Farwell. All ayes, Motion carried.

2. Sheriff Contract termination. Would like to keep it, however, the hours don't vary enough and we are not getting what is needed. It is expensive and reports are not coming. 60 day notification is required. Irwin made the motion to terminate the contract. Supported by Roland. All Ayes, Motion carried.
3. Tax auction for 013-070-067-00 at 9850 Maple Dr. Vacant Property. Taxes are very small. We are not in the real estate business! Why give this property away? Motion to accept the property made by Farwell, supported by Irwin. Roll Call Vote. Farwell-yes, Irwin-yes, Roland-no, Yarhouse-no, Byl-yes. Motion carried.

**16. Approval of Bills: Waste Management:** Comment made for Waste Management and the percentage increases. Paid the bill for the month and a credit will be applied. Irwin made a motion to approve the payment of bills, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.

**17.** Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm after a motion by Roland, seconded by Farwell. Motion carried

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*David Byl, Supervisor*

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*Joan E Farwell, Clerk*