

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 22nd, 2016 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, Farwell, Irwin, Yarhouse and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs; Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams; and Jeanie Stewart-USDA Grant Coordinator and several candidates seeking election for various offices.
- 2. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the August 22nd was approved including an addition to item 16, letter g. after a motion by Irwin. Supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 3. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the July 25th meeting with 3 name corrections and one amount correction was made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 4. Clerk report.** The clerk introduced the new Deputy Clerk, Janet Clayton.
- 5. Treasurer's report** was approved after a motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 6. Trustee Irwin:** Nothing to report.
- 7. Trustee Roland** Archived minutes are missing from the website. Can only get 8-23-2010. She questioned the board approval for purchasing the paint for the caboose because she considered it not to be a direct purchase but rather an extension of credit. The payment was made directly to purchase the paint.
- 8. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs** reported 200 runs YTD. There is a total of 19 runs for August - 12 medical, 1 kitchen fire, 1 misc. fire and 1 mutual aid and 2 car accidents and 2 downed trees. One firefighter, Amanda Tubbs resigned and they assisted the Bayonet organization.
- 9. Clare County Commissioner** Dale Majewski. Left the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting for those who wanted them. There will be three hires in the Sheriff's Dept. Still working on the budget cuts, no overtime and checking on outsourcing some work. He fielded questions on the 4-H cuts.
- 10. Fire Dept. Auxiliary report:** Read by K Tubbs, fire chief. Thank you for the donations and membership is open to anyone. Meetings are on 3rd Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- 11. Jeanie Stewart, Friends of Garfield Township Parks:** group waiting for the USDA Grant approval. She told of the upcoming Bike Ride on August 27th, there are 20, 30 and 50 mile trips. We have received \$9,000 in donations to add to the \$42,500.00 towards our 30% matching funds. There will be two Witbeck's Hot Dog Sales on September 13th and 27th.
- 12: Supervisor Byl reported:** 1) John Molenaar, Congressman, will be at the Fire Hall on August 30 about 10:00am if anyone would like to speak to him. 2) At the cemetery we are anticipating a new fence and some landscaping to be done by Ken Worth. Decision next month.

We have two quotes for the office remodel from contractors. 4) The soffits and fascia is coming off the township hall. 90% in the front. There are also some creatures in the wall to be taken care of. 5) We received a letter from an accident victim on the corner of US10 and Lake Station where MDOT is working. Reportedly the victim said the signals were out of whack. This will be forwarded to MDOT, our State Rep and Congressman.

13. Public Comment: Darrel Runyon thanked the township for their assistance in his recent theft of a trailer, which was recovered in two days. It was found up on Rogers Rd near Harrison.

Julie Santo spoke about the upcoming Ski Show, sponsored by Crooked Lake Improvement Association, on Crooked Lake, September 4th at 1:00pm. Free admission. Bring coolers and snacks and lawn chairs. Can also bring your boat, just stay beyond the markers.

14: Old Business: None.

15. New Business:

- Eight Point Lake Improvement-Mark Walter resigning. Ralph Stewart recommended new appointment to be Stu Terrell for the committee. Tabled until October.
- Budget amendment for 206-336-995.000 to add \$98,000.00 for extra fire truck principal for 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. Roll Call Vote: Irwin-yes, Yarhouse-yes, Roland-yes, Byl-yes, Farwell-yes, Motion carried.
- The Township Hall Deck needs to be repainted. The new paint will cost about \$100.00. Must have supper clean deck for the paint to adhere.
- New employee applications need to be available. Joe Hart will be resigning in the Spring, around May 1st.
- The transfer Station needs new stickers. Recommended changing colors. Discussion ensued as to why change colors? Cost will be \$450.00. Several mentioned, just leave the color, color is Ok, just add new numbers. There are problems with residents getting stickers from the transfer station personnel if they are busy or it is raining. Lots of changes in property owners in last two years. Need addresses in the book, not property numbers. Will order minimum number of stickers. Need to redo the book. Lots of renters in area. Their names are not on properties.
- Dead tree removal from three township properties. One has 7 trees, one has 3 trees and one has 2 trees. Bid of \$1,000.00 to remove all trees. Trustees wanted two more bids. Tabled for more bids.
- Transfer Station Ordinance was discussed. Decided to have a separate meeting to thoroughly go over the ordinance since it is 50+ years old. Meeting date set for Monday, September 12th at 6:30pm.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:33PM