

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 27th, 2018 7:00pm

The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Roland, Farwell, Yarhouse, and Irwin. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief -Kevin Tubbs, and Clare County Commissioner-Dale Majewski.

- 1. Agenda:** The meeting agenda for the August 27th, 2018 was approved by a motion from Farwell, supported by Irwin. All Ayes. Motion Carried.
- 2. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 15th, 2018 Special Meeting was made by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the report was made by Roland, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried
- 4. Clerk's Report:** Farwell told the board about the FOIA request for copies of all ballots and related materials for the November 6th 2018 Presidential Election. This is a monumental task and most of the 276 clerks in Michigan have received this request.
- 5. Fire Report:** Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs: reported 206 runs YTD. With 30 runs for the month, 20 medical, 1-structure, 2-downed trees, 2-mutual aid, 1-illegal fire, 2 PI's and 2 fires. He also has 2 new fire fighters, Dallas Wheeler and Allison Snell. The department received a \$100 donation at their Open House on Saturday. A motion to approve the new fire fighters, pending a background check and physical was made by Yarhouse, supported by Farwell. All ayes, motion carried.
- 6. Fire Dept. Aux:** Becky Gott. Open House great success. October 20th, 7:00pm trunk/Treat. Haunted Forest will have a meeting on 9-5-2018 at Fire Hall to make plans. Volunteers needed. Event will be three days-October 26th-28th. New T-shirts, V-neck for \$20.00. Fireman's Memorial runs from 9-13 thru 9-16 just South of Roscommon. Reported the Friends Uptown looks amazing.
- 7. Clare County Commissioner – Dale Majewski.** Distributed meeting minutes. No report.
- 8. Friends of Garfield Township president-Barb Lijewski-**Checkout the parking area. Electricity is not hooked up yet but the Water is running. Signage is ready. Ribbon cutting will be October 6th, 2018. We have Treasures in the Trunk on 9-22-2018 by the pavilion. A bake sale at Jay's on November 18th, 2018.
- 9. Len Pilz–**Proposal for Law Enforcement coverage. Their committee named 'Discovery Group' met on June 25th, 2018 and consists of Greg Bergtold, Cindy Rank, Ralph Stewart and himself. See the entire report attached.
- 10. Blight Ordinance Control Officer** report: Distributed to the board with updated details of what is occurring with each property. Showed a before/after of a lake front property that was cleaned up after 4 years. Discussed paper work for 9850 S Lake Station, sold at sheriff sale. Cost is \$250. for the Title Search. Motion to pay for the Title Search made by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- 11. Supervisors notes**
 - Crooked Lake Assn has volunteered to clean up Peterson's Park. The property owner to the north is cooperating with us to use sand to clean the fire pit and spruce up.
 - Reminder for the Budget Workshop on 9-12-2018 at 7:00pm

12. Public Comments:

- Bill Scheall-commented that at a special meeting on employee policies, he felt he was thrown under the bus. He bears no animosity for the township. He loves doing his job, but is going on vacation this week.
- Darrell Runyon-Declared his name was brought up in a meeting. He has contacted the DEQ. He is surveying cars currently. You know me. I have a bunch of people mad at me. My property is being surveyed tomorrow. I apologize. Thank you.
- Brenda Keeler-562 Hillcrest More boats!! Following a man teaching 5 kids to water ski. Incident-A Pontoon came onto shore at a high rate of speed. There could be swimmers in the water. Must go thru DEQ w/ petitions for swimmer buoys and to rope off the area. 8 Point Lake has swimmer buoys that the residents placed. In public waters boats are supposed to anchor 75' away from a swimming beach.
- Keith Keeler-Agree with wife. Appreciate the group looking into police coverage. Tax cuts in Lansing causes a lot of cuts for townships. Improvements to the township are not profit making. Cannot expect full restitution. I support what the township is doing. Keep moving forward. Blight! Look around, looks like an industrial park-look at options and how it affects the real estate options.
- Joe Stragea-Get proposal for police patrols. How many times has a deputy said "What he can't do for you" All of us pay for what a few can enjoy. I don't like paying taxes, but grants-yes! Buying equipment, getting officers, good 8 Point Lake properties- Write checks
- J R Perrog- 11020 Alpine Grey Lake. I agree with Keeler's. I enjoy listening. What the board is doing is for us, not against us. Lots of good but a lot of stretching. I compliment your board. Positive attitude, good township. God bless.
- Dwayne Miedzianowski-Commissioners govern sheriff. Dept. is understaffed. I can't tell you where a car might come from. If a car is needed, yours could be pulled. We need to fill the void. We are all doing our jobs and then some. There were 183 incidents last month. Perhaps you could get a whole county millage for more coverage. If you want your own car it is a dedicated concept. You are paying for it but are you getting what you need? We need to hire another full time officer. We need to train them. We will not turn out an untrained officer, they must know what they are doing and how to apply the law. We hire the best.

13. Old Business. The Slow Sign at the Transfer Station is working well. The seal coating at the Transfer Station is held up until we get the credit back from our bills.

14. New Business:

- a Review job descriptions- Discussion on procedures, where to start. Several separate descriptions to go through, it was decided that home work was necessary to get into the project. So the first ones to tweak are the Blight Officer, Transfer Station and Head of Maintenance.

15. Approval of Bills: A motion to approve all bills was made by Irwin and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried

16. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm after a motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland. Motion carried