

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2021

Called to order at 7:08 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse. Also, in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

- Board meeting recessed and the Public Hearing on the Budget was started. The supervisor reviewed the budget and asked for any changes the board members might have at this time. There were no additional changes.
- A Public Hearing on the Solid Waste Assessment. No changes were necessary from the 2021-2022 Budget.
- A Public Hearing on the Fire Department Special Assessment. Resolution to increase the Operating Millage's from 1.6 to 2.0 mills. Resolutions to increase the Equipment Millage from 0.3 to 1.9 mills.
- A Public Hearing to collect the 2020 and 2021 Special Assessment District (SAD) for Gray Lake on the 2021 Winter taxes.

The Public Hearing closed, and the regular Board meeting opened.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2021, was made by Lard and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed, no changes made. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerks Report: Motion to pass was made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. Clayton asked the Board if the monthly meetings could be changed to 6:00 pm instead of 7:00 pm. Roland requested that if we did this, she would like the agenda 1 week before the meeting. Byl will do his best to make that happen, although, changes will be more than likely be made up to the date of the meeting. This will be put on the July agenda under new business to discuss.

Trustee Lard would like to help more on Township duties, he would like to take on more responsibilities. He is willing to go to meetings (Road Commission, etc.) help anyway he is needed. This will also be put on the July agenda to discuss.

Treasurer's Report: The Board was given May 2021 and a corrected copy of April 2021. Motion to pass was made by Clayton, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Fire Report: Kevin Tubbs reported the following: 5/24/21 – 6/21/21.

30 Medical / 1 Road Hazard/ 3 Grass Fires / 2 Downed Power Lines/ 1 Down Tree /2 Mutual aid = 35 for the month /143 YTD

The next car washes will be July 17, 2021, from 10-2pm. Please come and support the Fire Department.

Supervisor Notes: Byl & SJ Conroy met with contractors on a bid for the entrance. They would like to coordinate this work with the work at Peterson Park.

Part of the USDA Grant Pop-up Shop idea for start-up businesses, we are looking at all ways to improve our town and bring people in. Steve Scoville & Greg Bergtold help us get a \$10,000.00 grant from the USDA for these Pop-up shops. We are also looking at the Depot being open for the same purpose. Byl would like to see "Welcome to Lake Station" banners/signs on the light poles in town. Byl also reported that Peterson Park has the new pavilion and is on budget.

Public Comment: Jim Lard was asked by Gray Lake residents if letters were going to be sent notifying them of the 2020 & 2021 tax that will be added to their 2021 Winter tax bill. Byl and Yarhouse agreed that there will be a letter sent out.

New Business: Cyber Security (\$672.00) was recommended by our insurance company when we renew on July 1, 2021. Roland questioned if I.T. Right had coverage that we would be under, Byl will reach out to I.T. Right. The Board agreed to have this coverage from David Chapman Insurance, motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

1. Resolution to establish Township Supervisor salary was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton-yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
2. Resolution to establish Township Clerk's salary was made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote; Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes, Clayton yes. Motion carried.
3. Resolution to establish Township Treasurer's salary was made by Roland, supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Roland yes, Lard yes, Byl yes, Yarhouse yes, Clayton yes. Motion carried.
4. Resolution to establish Township Trustee salary was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes, Lard yes, Byl yes. Motion carried.

5. Resolution to adopt budget for fiscal year, Budget 2021-2022. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 budget was made by Clayton, supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Clayton yes, Yarhouse yes, Lard yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
6. Resolution to adopt the meeting schedule for fiscal year 2021-2022. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
7. Resolution to increase Garfield Township Fire Department Operating Millage from 1.6 to 2.0 mills. Motion made by Clayton and supported by Lard. Roll call vote; Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
8. Resolution to increase Garfield Township Fire Department Equipment Millage from 0.3 to 1.9 mills. Motion made by Lard and supported by Clayton. Roll call vote; Lard yes, Clayton yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
9. Resolution to establish depositories at any Clare County Bank or Credit Union FDIC insured in fiscal year 2021-2022. Motion was made by Roland and supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Roland yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Clayton yes. Motion carried.
10. Resolution to Establish SAD for Gray Lake and collect the 2020 and 2021 on the Winter Tax bill 2021, shown as a separate line item on the tax bill. Motion to was made by Byl and supported by Clayton. Roll Call Vote: Byl yes, Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.
11. Resolution to Increase Acct# 101-806-962-000 to \$72,000.00 to offset the USDA grant. Motion to accept was made by Clayton and supported by Lard. Roll Call Vote: Clayton yes, Lard yes, Yarhouse yes, Byl yes, Roland yes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Byl signed the 8 Point Lake fireworks permit for their fireworks display on 9/4/2021. Byl also would like to use Purchase Orders for any purchases over \$5,000.00.

Approval of Bills in the amount of \$115,584.89. Motion was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton