

Garfield Township  
Budget Meeting Minutes  
May 8, 2023

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Clerk, Janet Clayton leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Lard, Roland & Yarhouse Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs. Byl was absent.

The attending Board members elected a chairperson to conduct the meeting. Motion by Roland and supported by Lard to elect the Clerk. Clayton, as chairman for the meeting. All ayes, Motion carried.

**Agenda:** The meeting agenda was reviewed. The motion to accept the agenda was made by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes April 24, 2023, Board Meeting, was made by Lard and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried.

**Fire Department:** Revision to his 2023-2024 budget. Some major repairs are needed on the 2013 Dodge is needed in the amount of \$9961.77. After some discussion, a motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Lard to repair the vehicle. All ayes, motion carried.

**Clerk-Proposal from the following given to the Board:**

- CLIA presented a letter asking for the Township's support and money to pay for the resurfacing of the tennis/pickleball court. After some discussion the Board opted to wait and see if the Spark Grant comes through and revisit this at that time.
- Rowe Engineering Plan for the township ballpark. The fee that Rowe would charge could be paid out of the grant money.
- Martin Heating & Cooling-HVAC for the Depot-Board wants to put this on old Business for the May 22 meeting.
- Clare County Equalization-The Board chose Option #2 for \$500.00. Motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.
- Blue Springs Pest Control – After some discussion it was decided on outside only for bug control on the Township and Fire Department buildings. A motion was made by Yarhouse, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.
- The Board was informed that at the May 22, 2023, Board meeting, the meeting will start with a presentation from a representative from the pension company.
- Fire millage will remain at 3.9 mils for another year.
- Transfer Station will move the yearly rate from \$79.86 to \$100.00 for 2023-2024.
- Isabella Bank- A savings account was opened from a CD cashed out from Huntington Bank. The Board approves supporting the Treasurer decision in opening of a municipal savings account at Isabella Bank. Motion was made by Roland and supported by Lard. All ayes. Roll call vote: Roland – yes/ Lard – yes/ Yarhouse – yes/ Clayton – yes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was held.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Lard, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes, motion carried. The meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

Next Board meeting May 22, 2023.