

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
April 23, 2012
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Scott leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Scott, Roland, McLane and Rottiers. Board Member Yarhouse was absent. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Jerry Burger, Candidate for Clare County Sheriff Mark McClellan, Road Commissioner Richard Haynak, Road Commission Manager Ron Bushong and ten citizens.

The minutes of the March 26, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Roland, seconded by McLane. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by Rottiers, seconded by McLane. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire report was given by Fire Chief Tubbs who reported 21 runs, 13 of which were medical, one structure fire, two down power lines, three mutual aids, one car fire and one down tree. He also reported that Camp Neyati will be testing their upgraded siren on Mondays which is now louder than the fire department's, the burning barrel ordinance has been passed at the state level and a new program had been purchased for programming the pagers at a cost savings to the department.

County Commissioner Burger gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Richard Haynak and Road Commission Manager Ron Bushong reported on the Garfield Road repairs providing an update to the progress that had been made. Bushong reported that the cost to the township to repair Garfield Road would be approximately \$39,000 and will provide a timeline for completing the project. Garfield Township agreed to pay for the repairs.

Scott requested that board members provide budget information to him within two weeks.

Scott reported brining dates are May 23 and July 25, 2012. The Garfield Road update was provided earlier in the meeting by representatives from the Road Commission. The new outside lights project at the township hall and fire hall has been completed.

Scott provided information regarding the selection of an Assessor indicating that six proposals had been received and, after reviewing all and based on the price, recommended that the township offer Jill Huff a contract for one year. Motion by McLane, supported by Roland, to offer a one-year contract for township assessor to Jill Huff. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott reported that an application to have fireworks on Crooked Lake had been received. The dates are July 14, 2012 with a rainout date of July 15, 2012. Motion by McLane, seconded by Roland, to approve the fireworks application. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott indicated that the contract with the Clare County Equalization Department needs to be renewed with the contract being consistent with past contracts and at a cost of approximately \$3,000. Motion by McLane, seconded by Rottiers, to renew the contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

Scott indicated that a quote had been received from Anthony Burgett to grind the stump at the cemetery at a cost of \$70. Motion by McLane, seconded by Roland, to hire Anthony Burgett to grind the stump at the cemetery for a fee of \$70. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McLane, seconded to Rottiers, to approve bills and wages of \$27,159.48. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McLane to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

