

## Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
April 28, 2014  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski and 23 citizens.

Two corrections were made to the March 24, 2014 meeting including Tubbs correcting his comment that he is now the Clare County Fire Chiefs' Association's Medical Control (not Central) Representative.

Rottiers corrected the Bills and Wages from \$45,214.01 to 45,213.41. Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Rottiers to approve the corrected minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin, to accept the Treasurer's Report. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 36 runs, 15 of which were medical, 2 grass fires, 1 structure fire, 2 down power lines, 4 mutual aid and 12 miscellaneous fires. He also reported that the firefighters classes have been passed by all and three are currently taking a medical class. He is waiting for three bids for the new fire truck and these should be available at the next regular meeting. He indicated that he has prepared DVDs for board members to review regarding the fire truck purchase. He also reported that the department is trying to get away from filling pools.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Clare County Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski indicated he came to the meeting to hear any concerns the residents might have with the sheriff and department responses. One citizen indicated that he would like to have the sheriff at the Neighborhood Watch meetings.

Blight Officer Rod Williams went through a slide presentation of current blight situations and indicated that people are continuing to cleanup. He also indicated that the property on Hillcrest that had a default judgment against it has been sold and the current owner will be cleaning up the property.

There were no reports from the Road Commission or Assessor.

### Public Participation

Jeanie Stewart presented a plan to the Board to pursue grants for Lake community revitalization and improvement asking the Board to endorse their efforts of the Garfield Township Grant Committee. She indicated that good things are happening around Lake and she is looking for Board support to have the committee move forward with the grant. It was decided to talk about it at the budget meetings.

Greg Bergtold applauded the committee for supporting Jeanie's efforts and had questions regarding the number of blight issues. Byl indicated there were approximately 16 originally and

gave details of how he started with the blight issues.

There was no correspondence.

Byl indicated that Bill Scheall will be purchasing flowers over the next few weeks for the Depot and Township Hall. He also indicated that the transfer station stickers are now being distributed, signage has been ordered for the Transfer Station and there has been a 43% reduction in Transfer Station fees.

Demolition bids have been received and will be discussed at the next meeting. The zero-turn mower will be discussed at the budget meeting. Brine dates for the roads will be 5/13, 7/1 or 7/2 and 8/12. He also indicated that Clare County Road Commission Manager Ron Bushong doesn't agree that redoing School Street is a good idea and Byl has given it to Rowe for a recommendation.

### Old Business

Three bids were received for refinishing the floor in the hall. Two bids were to scuff the floor and put two coats on and one bid was to take the finish down to the floor and refinish. Rustic Hardwood Flooring was recommended at \$850. Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland, to award the bid to Rustic Hardwood Flooring. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rottiers updated the Board on Direct Deposit indicated there had been a problem with the program this month and, hopefully, this problem will be resolved by next month.

Rottiers indicated two bids had been received for auditing services and a recommendation will be forthcoming at the May or June meeting.

Byl reported on the scrap tire grant indicating a contact had been made with CM Tech in Coleman who will transport the tires. They will have a truck at the Transfer Station in 2-3 weeks.

Irwin indicated he had talked with someone regarding a permit being required to change the lights at the fire hall indicating that checks are being made to see if permits are pulled for electrical work done on places that burn. Kevin will follow up on this.

### New Business

Byl provided information regarding the possibility of putting in a stone parking lot at the Depot.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Roland, to approve the Contract for Services Through Clare County Equalization Department and Garfield Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

The April Standard Budget Report was provided to Board Members in preparation to the April 29, 2014 Budget Meeting.

Roland indicated she would like to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting and would like to set a date for a meeting.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, to pay the bills and wages for April of 40,776.27. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.