

August 1, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
Rescheduled for August 1, 2015
10:00 a.m.

The meeting opened at 10:00 a.m. with Clerk Rottiers leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Yarhouse, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Clare County Transit Representative Tom Pirnstill, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart, Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman and 9 citizens.

Motion to appoint Clerk Rottiers to chair the meeting by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June 22, 2015 Minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 35 runs, 25 of which were medical, 3 accident, 1 down power line, 1 mutual aid and 5 miscellaneous fire, which included 1 car fire, 1 fireworks fire, 1 semi rollover and 2 illegal burns.

There were no reports from the County Commissioner, Road Commissioner, Blight Officer, Sheriff or Assessor.

Clare County Transit Representative Tom Pirnstill provided details of the Clare County Transit millage renewal on August 4, 2015. He also provided a history of the transit and details of how the funds are generated and bus services.

Garfield Township Grant Chairperson Jeanie Stewart provided an update of the 5-Year Plan and gave details of the schedule.

Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reported a hot dog sale at Witbeck's in Clare on August 8, Car Wash on August 15 and back pack distribution on August 16. She also indicated that the earlier car wash resulted in \$67.00 and bottles from the transfer station brought in \$211.20 for July totaling \$502.40 since the beginning.

Sandi Jeffries presented a check from the Eight Point Lake Property Owners Association for \$1,127.49 to the Garfield Township Fire Department which were the proceeds from their annual rummage sale.

Ralph Stewart indicated the Eight Point Lake Association Board of Directors contributed six Neighborhood Watch signs to Bluff Lake for their use. A request will be made to the Road Commission to post these signs.

Discussion followed regarding checks being issued with approval of funds. Future advance approval of funds will include approval of the check at the same time.

The Clare County Quilt Trail information was discussed. Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin to approve \$600 and write the check to the Clare County Arts Council to have a quilt block made to be

displayed on the Depot. Ayes €“ 3. Nays €“ 1. Motion carried.

Motion to approve \$15,000 upon completion of the chip and seal project on Maple Grove by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Irwin reported the gravel project on Willow Street came under budget by \$5,000.

The question came up regarding the caps on the walls of the Depot garden area. Follow-up is needed to see where this project stands.

A new printer for the office was discussed. Motion to approve \$600 and check to purchase a new printer by Irwin, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the lack of interest in the Janitor position. Suggestion was made to check with MidMichigan Industries for possible candidates.

Jeanie Stewart shared information from the Clare County Conservation District provided by Holly Keenan indicating the potential danger killing oak trees because of the oak wilt fungus that attacks the trees. She gave details of how the fungus works and the need to refrain from cutting or trimming trees between the months of April and September.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse to approve bills and wages totaling \$79,248.58. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.