

August 24, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
August 24, 2015
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 Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart, Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman County Commissioner Dale Majewski, and Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot and 29 citizens.

Byl asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ben Wolfgang.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2015 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 23 runs, 17 of which were medical, 1 down power line and 5 miscellaneous fires. He also reported that about 4 years ago a request was put in to the state for an air compressor. He found out that one is available downstate and if it can be retrofit it will save the Fire Department about \$15,000. He also indicated that the department would like to replace the water point truck and grass rig through the state's replacement program and is going to get rid of the Dodge truck with the plow because it is not needed. Plans are to sell it. He also gave an update on the new fire truck having been there for a final inspection on the cosmetic part of it. It now needs to go to South Dakota to retrofit the rear of the truck. Delivery will probably be the first of October with an open house scheduled after the truck has been delivered.

Clare County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Clare County Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot gave a brief report.

Blight Officer Rod Williams gave an update of the blight issues and also that citation books are ordered. He also provided board members with a copy of a Dangerous Building Ordinance for Health, Safety and Welfare indicating that it is an avenue that can be used to take out blighted structures.

Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach reported 25 building permits had been issued and that he is in the process of doing field work and sales of homes are up this year.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart reported the parks committee held the required public hearing on August 19, 2015 regarding the 5-Yr Parks and Recreation Plan. She also reported 115 viewings of the Plan on the township website and 26 letters of support. The committee voted to endorse the plan and submit the resolution to the township to adopt. She also indicated an interest from a family member of the Charles Peterson family for whom the Peterson Park is named, indicating that he may be willing to make a donation to improve that park.

Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary member Betty Tessman reported the car wash held on August 15 resulting in a profit of \$248, the hot dog sale on August 8 profits \$161.32 and a total from the can return of \$576.00. She also reported that, on August 16, 45 families were helped with 103 back packs

filled with school supplies and handed out, and a water rescue adult and child were ordered for the Fire Department.

Under Public Participation, Darrel Runyon reported about his concerns with brining of the road where his house and properties are located.

Stephen Conroy from Troop 620 in Clare reported he is planning on painting the caboose as a part of his Eagle Scout badge. Cost will be about \$600 and he will start seeking donations and will have the color choice available next month.

Crooked Lake Improvement Association member Judy Santo reported a Clean-up Day on September 5, 2015 at Cold Springs park.

Lurasue Holcomb indicated that she heard we had lost our deputy who had patrolled the area on a regular basis and invited everyone to Bluff Lake to see the beach area that had been cleaned up. Supervisor Byl said he would followup with the Sheriff's department regarding the new patrol officers.

Under Supervisor's Report, Byl reported that he will be attending the supervisor's convention in October, that he had received a letter from Bluff Lake concerned citizens, and that he working on the issue on Perch Lake Dr. researching the petition and will address at a later date.

Under Old Business, question came up about the janitor position. Still looking for candidates and will follow-up with a new application to be handed out to those candidates who have indicated an interest in the position. Byl has checked with Elm Creek and will check with Alwood Landscaping regarding the blocks for the wall around the Depot gardens.

Under New Business, a quote from Ideal Asphalt to seal coat the Township Hall, Transfer Station and Fire Department was discussed. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse to approve the three quotes for seal coating. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the Resolution to Adopt 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan by Irwin, supported by Rottiers. Roll call vote 4 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Byl reported that a new email program at a cost of \$300 annually and a computer station for the Assessor were needed and that \$1500 was approved for the wiring and the cost came back lower than quoted. He requested that the cost to add the email program of \$300 annually and \$1175 for the computer station totaling \$1475 be approved. Motion by Irwin, supported by Roland, to approve \$1475 to add the email program to the server and an additional computer station. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay bills and wages totaling \$61,754.41 by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.