

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
February 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Roland, Irwin and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski and 16 citizens.

The minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting were approved with a motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 22 runs, 16 of which were medical, 1 structure fire, 2 mutual, 1 illegal burn, 1 personal injury and 1 electric fire. His report included that the department had taken possession of a 6 x 6 Department of Defense vehicle, which has 2,200 miles on it and is valued at \$56,000. There was a security breach at the fire hall requiring a recoding of the door. He also suggested that more security was indicated to protect the assets in the building.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

There was no Road Commission report.

Tom Brubaker, who was scheduled to speak to the Board, did not come to the meeting.

Public Participation included a report by a township citizen indicating that the Lake Community Association had held two meetings in order to deal with the Depot. Tom Pirnstill invited

everyone to the 9th Annual Health Fair April 20, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Farwell High School and that the Living Hope Church offers free clothing on the second Tuesday of each month. Tom Retay spoke to the board requesting they look at hiring security for 20-40 hours per week. Discussion followed. Kim Irwin, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President, asked to use the township hall for their monthly meetings and requested use of a quarter of the basement to store their supplies.

Byl indicated that he will follow-up with Charter regarding the cable at the fire hall, that the township is accepting resumes for the positions of Maintenance Worker and Transfer Station Attendant and a contact with John Oman regarding property adjacent to the cemetery. The possibility of having a Board work session will be followed-up at next meeting.

Pontem, cemetery software provider, is preparing a quote to convert the current cemetery program to the Pontem cemetery program. Cost should be available at the next meeting. New tables for the township were discussed and it was suggested that two new tables be purchased for the hall. Discussion also followed regarding the quit claim deed on the property sold in November to Paul Tucker. Nothing done at this time.

Discussion followed regarding the depot, the research that has been done and how to go forward with the project. We will proceed with a new resolution and quit claim deed at the next meeting.

Two cell phone plans were entered into by Kevin Tubbs and Bill Scheall at a total cost of approximately \$150.00 per month. Following discussion, motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to reimburse Kevin Tubbs and Bill Scheall at a rate of 50% of their cost. Motion carried. Byl indicated that we are in the early stages of preservation of the coal chute in Garfield township. The DNR has been contacted regarding this project.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Roland, to approve bills and wages of \$31,701.50. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

