

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
July 22, 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, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Tubbs, County Commissioner Dave Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach and 14 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2013 Regular Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 25 runs, 20 of which were medical, one accident, one down power line, 3 miscellaneous fires (one gas leak, one down tree, one illegal burn). Tubbs reported one cadet moved to probationary firefighter and one new firefighter. Motion to accept Jazmin Fair to the fire department and Shannon Barry as a probationary firefighter pending physicals and background checks by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report and distributed information regarding activities at the county level.

There was no Road Commission report.

Assessor Beach gave a report on his activities around the township.

Public Participation

- Stephen Conroy from Boy Scout Troup 620 in Clare gave details of his Eagle Scout project seeking approval to use the caboos for his project. Following questions, he was encouraged by the Board to move forward with his caboos project.
- Mardi Dysinger updated the Board on the status of the problems on Willow Street indicating that there has been a 100 percent turnaround since the last board meeting and thanked the Board.

Byl reported the following:

- An article had been written about the Depot by Jeanne Stewart and published in the Clare County Review

Under Supervisor's Notes, Byl reported the following:

- A report from Michigan Township Association showed Garfield Township to be strong financially.

- He approached the possibility of selling township-owned lots on Hillcrest and indicated he would provide additional data at the next meeting.

Under Old Business, Byl reported the following:

- He discussed a flow chart he had developed regarding the status of blight/nuisance.
- He gave an update of the activities at the Depot.
- He gave an update of maintenance projects that had been completed.
- He indicated that he will keep working on a plan to improve the roads.

Under Old Business, Roland had prepared comparisons between the old Garfield Township Blight Ordinance and Hamilton Township's new Junk and Blight Ordinance providing board members with copies of both to review.

Byl gave an update on the Transfer Station indicating that the facility was available only to residents who have homes on property and gave information regarding the cost of maintaining the Transfer Station each month. He also indicated he will be working on a new plan for the Transfer Station.

Byl reported that Bill and Louis had loaded up the metal at the Transfer Station and sold it returning the proceeds to the township office. Following discussion, motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to have Fair Salvage provide a dumpster to collect metal.

Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

There was no New Business.

Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, by approve bills and wages of \$92,427.92 All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.