

Township Board meeting Minutes

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July 28, 2014

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
July 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 Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Road Commissioner Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach, Deputy Tom Brown, Road Commission Candidate Jerry Burger, CSI Representative Mark Brown and 21 citizens.

Rottiers explained correction to the Budget Amendment at the June 23, 2014 Board Meeting as follows: Original Budget Amendment stated to approve the Move from 206-000-626.000 \$24,800 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-850-999.000, \$30,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-830-999.000 \$10,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-336-910.000 \$9,000 to 402-000-390.000, Move from 206-336-802.000 \$1900 to 402-000-390.000. Roll call vote all ayes and motion carried. Following the meeting it was recommended that account 402-000-671.000 be used for the transfer.

Motion to accept corrected minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 21 runs, 18 of which were medical, 2 mutual aid and 1 shed fire. He also reported the floor refinishing was completed, the electrical permit for the light fixtures was pulled and reported the original lights were not installed properly regarding the conduit. The electrician will check the fixtures out when the job is completed. He also reported that the generator approved by the board will be installed – not gas plumbed and asked that the Board consider a 2-part payment; the first payment of \$6067.00 and remaining portion upon completion of the job. He also reported on the Apparatus Replacement Update indicating the time frame, financing options in place and key features of Spartan, sealed bids sought and ISO rating information. Following board comments, the three sealed bids were opened for the fire truck replacement and were as follows:

CSI – Spartan Motors		\$ 457,135.00
Alexis		500,492.00
HME	Option 1	510,072.00
	Option 2	
	Stock #22630	374,171.00 (Top Mount Custom Pumper)
	Stock #22642	327,967.00 (Top Mount Custom SilverFox Pumper)

Following the bid opening, discussion following regarding forming a committee to review the bids and CSI representative Mark Brown answered questions regarding their equipment.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Byl reported on a quote for the county to repair 2.5 miles of road. Irwin reported that he had attended the Road Commission meeting indicating that all grass had been cut on the main paved roads and they would be working on the dirt roads. A committee will be formed to come up with ideas for the township roads.

Byl reported briefly on the current blight situations.

Assessor Brad Beach reported the Board of Review addressed 29 petitions, that there has been much construction in the township and he is doing inspections and updating record cards. He also gave an update of the mapping.

Deputy Tom Brown reported on the extra duty patrolling the township and indicated that he can be contacted by email or phone. Discussion followed regarding the need to consider extending the time. Board will discuss at the next meeting.

Candidates for Road Commissioner Jerry Burger and Dale Majewski spoke to the board regarding the upcoming election.

Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart reported on the activities of the committee including the first Public Information Meeting, Community Questionnaire, 23rd Annual Michigander Bike Ride, meeting with DNR officials, Questionnaire Update and Financial Report.

Correspondence Since Last Meeting included a letter from the Clare County Road Commission and a Waste Management flier regarding their 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

Byl indicated a quote had been received from Humphrey Brothers to pour a 24' x 24' concrete floor at the cemetery pole barn. Motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to accept the bid from Humphrey Brothers not to exceed \$2500.00 to pour a concrete floor at the cemetery pole barn using fiberglass in the concrete and plastic underneath the concrete. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl shared a draft of a letter to homeowners of vacant homes.

Maintenance Supervisor Bill Scheall reported on the recent clean up at Cold Springs beach, painting at the fire hall, tennis court washing and relining, the project started at the Depot and the need for toilet paper dispensers in the bathrooms at the township beaches.

Byl reported on the USDA grant indicating that application had gone through Lori Ware and he met with the USDA and went through the initial signature of intent. The grant and loan will be available until the end of the year.

Byl reported on the MMDC committee he has joined giving details of their efforts.

There was no old business.

Irwin indicated that there had been no follow-up with the company who had been awarded the bid in April to refinish the floors at the Township Hall. In lieu of no contact from this bidder, motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to contract with Felan and Sons to refinish the Township Hall floor per their bid from April 22, 2014 for \$1393.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported that a copy of the response letter from Dreyer & Hovey regarding the public road access and Cook's Resort indicating he would like the Board to approve \$1220.00 to have a survey done by John McLane per his quote to find the boundary line at Cook's Landing. Motion

by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve \$1220.00 to have a survey completed by John McLane per his quote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to approve Bills and Wages totaling \$126,610.46. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.