

## June 8, 2015 Special Meeting

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Garfield Township  
Special Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 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, Irwin, Roland and Rottiers. Also present were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Blight Officer Rod Williams and 15 citizens.

Corrections to the May 26, 2015 minutes included lake association meetings had already been held and correction from Mike Atley to Mike Athey. Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Roland, to approve the minutes of May 26, 2015 Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs gave details of the information put together to transport the two fire trucks for spring replacements and provided another option. There may be a new firefighter for the township who has a CDL and could drive the fire trucks to be repaired. Discussion followed regarding the time frame for the new firefighter who will need a physical and background check before becoming employed. Following this discussion, a recommendation was made to have Rick McNeilly transport the fire trucks at a cost of \$100/hour. Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to have Rick McNeilly transport the fire trucks at a cost of \$100/hour to Sackett's Springs in Chase and contract with Sackett's to replace the springs on two fire trucks at a total cost of \$3500.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl recommended that the contract with the Clare County Sheriff's Department be renewed at a cost of \$24,000. The contract has a stipulation providing automatic renewal yearly unless the township decides not to 60-days prior to the renewal.

Discussion followed regarding the new FOIA policy mandated by the State to be adopted by July 1, 2015. The policy will be presented at the June 22, 2015 Board meeting for adoption with the cost of \$.50 per copy to be included in this policy.

An amendment to the Blight Ordinance was presented to repeal Section IV and will be on the agenda at the June 22, 2015 Board meeting for adoption.

Residents from Bluff Lake including Laurasue Holcomb, Mike Athey, John Umphrey and Jim Swain addressed the Board. Following discussion, it was suggested that they form a committee of Bluff Lake residents along with a couple of board members to come up with a realistic plan to correct the current situation. This meeting will be set up by the Bluff Lake group.

Fire Chief Tubbs provided changes to the Fire Department budget from the earlier meeting and indicated the department is working on a new plan for firemen attending classes.

The Board then went over the increases in the preliminary budget in preparation for approval at the June 22, 2015 meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the supervisor spending up to \$500 without advance Board approval.

Motion to adjourn by Roland. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.