

May 26, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
May 26, 2015
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:05 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, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman and 41 citizens.

Byl indicated an addition to the agenda under New Business 14.d. Budget Amendment.

One change was made to the minutes by Fire Chief Tubbs who indicated that "Active 911 is up and running. Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve the April 27, 2015 Minutes with the correction. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Rottiers, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 32 runs, 20 of which were medical, 3 grass fires, 1 down power line, 2 personal injuries and 6 miscellaneous fires which were 3 illegal burns, 1 down tree, 1 carbon monoxide and 1 RV fire. He also requested approval for new fireman Jason Miller pending physical and background check. He also reported that a CDL license is required to drive the fire trucks for repairs. The price from Apollo to pick up trucks and take to Saginaw for repairs is \$3442 per truck. Suggested option is to have the trucks towed to McVeigh, check with Rick McNeilly to see if he can load on a trailer and take to McVeigh and to check with other sources for towing.

Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin, to approve Jason Miller to the Fire Department pending physical and background check. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

No Road Commission report.

Undersheriff Dwayne Miedzianowski reported that it appears that the additional patrol is working well, the cameras have been ordered and some municipalities are adopting their own golf cart ordinances. Questions followed from the residents present.

Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reported profits from the hot dog sale at Witbeck's of \$161.94, beverage cans donated at the Transfer Station resulted in a \$145.20 profit, a \$500 scholarship donation to Farwell area Schools, and scheduled events car wash June 6 from 12-5 p.m. and bake sale at Jay's June 16 from 11-4 p.m.

Correspondence included a letter from a resident, tax sale properties which are available on the Internet, a company will be here on June 5 at 1:00 p.m. to provide information regarding what a server can do for our computer system, liability form for fireworks on Crooked Lake received and gave details of lots going up for tax sale indicating that there was no benefit for the township to purchase.

Motion by Roland, supported by Yarhouse, to take no action on lots presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl also indicated that there are four lake associations meeting scheduled over the next couple of weeks.

Under Supervisor's Report Byl reported the following:

- New utility trailer purchased and extra work on it completed.
- Portable toilet at Garfield beach installed
- New businesses in Lake
- Demolished homes at 10971 Rock Rd. and 501 Hillcrest
- Regional MTA meeting attended which included new FOIA rules being mandated by State attended by Marty and fracking session attended by Dave

Under Old Business, Byl reported on the docks at Cook's Landing intruding in township's water right of way. Byl, Jim Carrigan and Rick Reuter will meet at Cook's Landing to review the situation. The Township paid for a survey which showed the docks encroached on Township beach property. Kevin Tubbs reported that he installs the docks and there have been some changes made and docks relocated.

Irwin updated the Board on the road proposal. Five roads were looked at and he recommended that Willow between Woodland and East streets be completed at a cost of \$14,000, Clareola from Eight Point Lake Road north to US 10 at a cost of \$32,000 and Eight Point Lake from Clareola to Partridge at a cost of \$24,800.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to approve the recommendation not to exceed \$75,000 of Willow between Woodland and East streets be completed at a cost of approximately \$14,000, Clareola from Eight Point Lake Road north to US 10 at a cost of approximately \$32,000 and Eight Point Lake from Clareola to Partridge at a cost of approximately \$24,800. All ayes. Motion carried.

Rottiers reported receiving some input regarding the Janitor Job Description and will put together a suggested job description for the June meeting.

The year round schedule to keep the Transfer Station open Wednesdays and Saturdays was discussed and motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to keep the Transfer Station open year round on Wednesdays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and to delete the use of a dump in our printing. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business included the following:

- Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin, to approve purchase of muck pellets for Cold Springs and Peterson Parks from Aquacide at a cost of \$350.00 to improve the beaches. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Discussion followed regarding a new shed at the Transfer Station. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse to approve bid and purchase from Miller's Woodworking at a cost of \$2270.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Byl indicated that he is seeking bids to have some landscaping completed at the Depot to plant low-maintenance perennials.
- Byl request that a budget amendment be adopted for an additional \$1200.00; accounts to be increased as follows: 101-191-702.000 \$1036.00, 101-191-707.000 \$64.00, 101-191-728.000 \$100.00. Motion by Roland, supported by Irwin, to amend the budget to increase it by \$1200.00 as listed. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the budgeting process and the proposed budget to be approved at the June 22, 2015 Township Meeting. Following discussion, decision was made to hold a Special Meeting

on Monday, June 8, 2015 commencing at 7:00 p.m. with the agenda to include the proposed budget, springs for the two fire trucks and possible amendment to the Blight Ordinance Section 4.

Byl gave a vacant homes update and Blight Officer Rod Williams reported on properties that are being improved and went over the current Blight Ordinance and possible changes to that ordinance to be discussed at the Special Meeting scheduled for June 8, 2015.

Public comments followed from Jim Monahan, Laurasue Holcomb, Judith McCreary, Charles Doherty, Jim Swain, Mike Atley, Rosemary Tremayne, Erin Marlow, Bill Scheall and Russell Heffron. Comments from citizens centered around Bluff Lake and concerns regarding blight in that area.

Motion to pay bills and wages totaling \$44,519.09 by Roland, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.