

Township Board meeting Minutes

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November 25, 2013

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
November 25, 2013
7:00 p.m.

The meeting opened at 7:04 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 Dale Majewski, Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach and 8 citizens.

Motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin, to approve the October 28, 2013, November 4, 2013 and November 11, 2013 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 107 runs, 15 of which were medical, 28 Miscellaneous Fire (27 down tree and 1 gas leak), and 64 down power lines. He also reported on the following:

- Traveled to Spartan Motors and talked with them about concerns regarding the age of two of the township fire trucks
- Been in contact with Brindle Mountain regarding used equipment and purchasing our old trucks
- During the weather event, there was damage to three trucks; specifically a bumper, windshield and telescoping light
- Need Board support to contract with Coyne Oil for a 500 gallon tank at the fire hall. Cement slab for the tank has been donated. The northwest corner of the building is recommended for the tank.
- Grant is available for purchase of two generators for the township. Discussion followed regarding submitting the grant for one or two generators. Byl will check to see if the grant has to be written specifically to the number of generators to be purchased.
- 95% of trees were removed by the fire department and Rick McNeilly. Contact was made with the road commission to bring barricades, but wrong equipment was brought. Took until Wednesday before the first personnel from the road commission were on-site.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Garfield Township Assessor Brad Beach reported forms are available for 100% disabled veterans to seek exemption from property taxes. He is working with BS&A on mapping and also working on building permits. He also indicated the Board of Review is scheduled for December 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Participation

- Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Kim Irwin thanked Betty Tessman for bringing food for the firemen during the weather event. She also reported that the auxiliary and fire department are hosting the annual children's Christmas party at the Depot beginning at noon on Saturday, December 14, 2013 with Santa, crafts, refreshments and gifts for the

kids. She also reported that a meeting is scheduled on December 1, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to continue to work with the Crooked Lake Improvement Association on added events for the annual fishing contest.

Supervisor Notes

- Byl reported that he contacted local merchants requesting that signs be removed from the power poles until all lines were repaired and all power restored.
- He also indicated that Lori Ware had volunteered to work on a fire truck grant.
- Under Nuisance, Byl reported that #2 on the report has been leveled and the case closed, Willow Street demolition and Peggy Lane lot cleaned up.
- The Depot will be decorated beginning Tuesday, November 26 and December 1 if necessary.
- West Beach clean-up done, neighbor's fence repaired, neighbor's trees cut that fell onto Peterson Park and piled up in the neighbor's yard and ceiling repaired in file room at township office.
- Byl reported on the question of violating the Open Meetings Act indicating that it had not been a violation.

Old Business

- The contract has been renegotiated with Waste Management. Motion to sign contract by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Two special board meetings were held regarding the blight issue and hiring a blight officer. A job description has been prepared and the job will be posted indicating resumes will be accepted. The statement "mileage when going to court" will be included in the job description
- Byl indicated there is interest in purchasing one of the township-owned lots on Crooked Lake. These lots on Hillcrest have been marked as township property. This will be on the agenda for next month's meeting.
- Byl reported receipt for the contract from Greenscape for removal of tires. We currently have the second container for tires.

New Business

- We have been contacted by our State Senator regarding the coal chute. The DNR will give the coal chute back to the township. A proposal needs to be written indicating what the township plan would be for the coal chute. Byl will move forward with checking on the possibility of maintaining it.
- Motion to accept the Coyne Oil Proposal for the Fire Department or a 36 month lease by Rottiers, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin to amend the 2013-2014 Budget as follows:

Move \$10,000 from 101-806-974.000 to 101-101-826.000

Increase 101-265-977.000 \$20,000

Increase 845-445-728.000 \$1,000

Increase 845-445-818.000 \$30,000

Increase 101-000-574.000 \$48,000

Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

- Motion to adopt the resolution to apply for a Michigan Township Participating Plan

Risk Reduction Grant Program by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse. Roll call vote all ayes.
Resolution adopted.

Following discussion, motion by Irwin, seconded by Roland, to approve bills and wages of \$65,295.46.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.