

Township Board meeting Minutes

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Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
November 26, 2012
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, Roland, Irwin and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Burger and 15 citizens.

The minutes of the October 22, 2012 meeting were approved with a motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was accepted with a motion by Rottiers, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 46 runs, 22 of which were medical, 1 grass fire, 1 fire alarm, 2 down power lines, 5 mutual aide, 8 down trees, 2 personal injuries, 4 illegal burns and 1 car fire. He indicated that he had a new candidate, Brian Webb, to be approved pending background check and physical and that Michelle Campbell had stepped down from the department. He also indicated that new officers would be appointed in December and asked if paychecks could be provided before Christmas instead of waiting until the meeting on December 26. Supervisor Byl indicated that this would be looked into. He also indicated that he will be travelling to Gaylord to check on trucks available at the DNR Field Office and will be removing the skid from the old truck and installing on the new one. Tubbs also provided a new proposal for paying firefighters for classes they take. This will be reviewed and considered at the December meeting. He also provided a proposal for changes to the fire department ordinance as it relates to charges for emergency services. This will be researched and considered at the next meeting. Tubbs reported that there is a law enforcement loan program through Yamaha where the department may obtain equipment free of charge with the only obligation to carry insurance on the equipment.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve Brian Webb to the fire department pending a background check and physical. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to pursue the Yamaha program for the ATV rhino. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Jerry Burger gave a brief report.

No Road Commissioner report, Public Participation, Correspondence, Supervisor's Notes or Old Business.

Supervisor Byl reported that weekly recycling is available for the township at a cost of \$125 per container. The township would have three containers on site and containers would be emptied on an as-needed basis. Following discussion, motion by Yarhouse, seconded by Rottiers to contract with Waste Management for three containers for recycling. All ayes. Motion carried. Byl reported that the township had to either object or accept the transfer of unsold property parcel 013-340-026-00. Following discussion, motion by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse, to accept the transfer of unsold property at the Clare County "No Minimum Bid" Auction held on October 9, 2012 pursuant to MCL 211.78m (6). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to sell the property parcel 013-340-026-00 to Paul and Chris Tucker for \$500 by a quit claim deed with the stipulation that the blight on said property be cleaned up within 90 days of possession of the property. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl indicated a need for a computer for the Supervisor and new copier for the office and that the budget would have to be amended to put \$1,000 into the Building and Grounds Equipment and Supervisor Equipment budget to cover the cost of the computer and a new copier for the office.

Motion to increase line item 101-171-977.000 by \$500 and line item 101-265-977.000 by \$500 to cover the cost of a computer and new copier for the office by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

The contractual agreement between the Garfield Township Board, Clare County Commissioners and Clare County Sheriff regarding transfer of monies received from the Michigan State Liquor Laws was discussed.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Rottiers, to contract with the Clare County Sheriff to pay the monies received by the Township from the Michigan State Liquor Laws to the Clare County Sheriff annually. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported that the salt spreader had never worked properly and that there was a need to take the wiring off the old pickup and install on the new truck. Cost would be \$300 for changing the wiring and approximately \$180 for purchase of the shaker to put the salt spreader in working condition. Following discussion, the wiring may be changed by township employees.

Motion by Roland, seconded by Irwin, to approve bills and wages totaling \$38,081.25. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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