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Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 24, 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, Irwin, Roland and Rottiers. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot, Blight Officer Rod Williams, Sergeant Steve Humphrey, Insurance Representative Ken Lind, Auditor Trent Mulder (arrived at 8:00 p.m.) and 10 citizens.

The October 27, 2014 minutes which included Bills and Wages were corrected to \$41,858.34 and Fire Chief Tubbs corrected the October report to €œthe department is experiencing communication issues from the fire (not cell) tower.€ Motion to accept the October 27, 2014 corrected meeting minutes by Yarhouse, seconded by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Treasurer€™s Report by Rottiers, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 18 runs, 17 of which were medical and one down tree. He also reported that Brian Webb had stepped down from the department and that there is a new applicant for approval. Motion by Yarhouse, supported by Rottiers, to approve the new applicant Lucky Hatt pending physical and background check. All ayes. Motion carried. Tubbs also reported the department will receive a \$1,000 donation from the Crooked Lake Improvement Association to purchase equipment needed for the new fire truck.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report. Highlights were: All Garfield Township properties at the land auction held on October 9, 2014 were sold, Sheriff€™s Department has been awarded a grant for two patrol cars through the USDA Rural Development Fund and the Board is in the process of reviewing some of the projects for building improvements at the county.

Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot addressed questions regarding work that has been completed and indicated she would like a list from the Township of projects that need work. She also indicated that the Road Bill has passed the Senate and needs to go through the House. She also talked about a township match.

Blight Officer Rod Williams indicated he is working on an updated list with some progress but it still needs work.

Sergeant Steve Humphrey reported the jail has had some renovations and cautioned people regarding shopping and safety during the holiday season.

Fire Chief Tubbs reported on behalf of the Lake Firefighters Auxiliary the following dates and events: Winterfest on Crooked Lake February 28, 2015, next Winterfest Committee meeting scheduled January 4, 2015, Christmas with Santa December 13, 2014 and invited the Board Members to the Fire Department/Auxiliary€™s annual Christmas Dinner on Sunday, December 14, 2014.

Byl reported receipt of a letter from the Clare County Road Commission regarding townships submitting estimate requests for the 2015 construction season.

Byl reported he will be attending the annual MTA Conference in January, the newsletters to be included in the tax bills will be delivered to Equalization and low voltage lights had been installed at the Lake Station sign. He also indicated there is a need to provide caps on the stone break wall around the Depot. Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin, to purchase the caps for the stone break wall not to exceed the cost of \$5.00 per cap and approval to issue the check in payment when the purchase is made. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was no Old Business.

Byl provided information regarding the background of the Par Plan and how long the township has been insured with them. He then introduced Ken Lind who provided details of the coverage that would be provided with EMC and comparisons with the current Township insurance.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Irwin, to transfer from the Par Plan effective December 1, 2014 to EMC at a cost of \$13,955.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to make Lind Agency the Agent of Record for Workmen's Comp with Liberty Mutual effective December 1, 2014. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Rottiers, to approve AD&D insurance with Volunteer Fire Insurance Services through the Lind Agency effective December 1, 2014 at a cost of \$1910.00 annually for 3-years.

Baird, Cotter and Bishop Auditor Trent Mulder provided highlights of the 2014 audit of the Township and answered questions from the Board.

Byl reported that the Resolution Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Note Agreement Pursuant to Act 99, P.A. 1933 needed Board approval.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse, to adopt the Resolution. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the Bills and Wages of \$48,727.56 by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.