

October 26, 2015

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Garfield Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 26, 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, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chairperson Jeanie Stewart, Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot, Foreman Dave Sunday, and 31 citizens.

The September 28, 2015 minutes were corrected changing Norcam to Narcan. Motion by Irwin, supported by Yarhouse, to approve the minutes as corrected. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 22 runs, 18 of which were medical, one mutual aid and 3 down trees. Also reported was a rescue truck recall at McGuire's because of an issue with the fuel system, two thirds of which will be reimbursed to the fire department. He also provided an update on the new fire truck, indicating that 30 trucks have been pushed back, ours being one. A conference call with them is scheduled for Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. He also reported that 911 head Tom Brubaker is leaving soon and a meeting was held to discuss concerns. Dispatch will be looking at grants and new towers. He also asked for approval of new fire department applicant Micaiah Gesinski pending physical and background check. Shayne Henry then explained the grant for airpaks and that the tanks currently used won't be compliant. The Isabella grant is through FEMA. Cost to replace could be from \$150-200,000, 20% of which would be our total cost.

Motion to approve Micaiah Gesinski to the fire department pending physical and background check by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chad from IT Right provided information regarding their phone system cost versus leasing.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski provided a brief report including details of the Transit Election in August and the reasons a second election will be needed possibly in March 2016. The County is looking at a 911 app where users would receive a text in emergency situations.

Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot reported on the repairs that had been done by the Road Commission in Garfield Township. She also indicated the CCRC received \$600,000 from the State to be paid quarterly indicating that these funds will be used for a township match program. Dave Sunday provided additional details regarding projects completed in Garfield Township.

There was no Sheriff's Report. Byl reported there was a Neighborhood Watch meeting on Sunday, October 25 indicating that things are quiet with no major issues.

Garfield Blight Officer Rod Williams reported the tickets had arrived he has talked with the Deputy Sheriff and has a game plan in mind for the list and handing out tickets.

## Public Participation

Garfield Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reported the firefighter adult and child rescue dummies were received, Trunk and Treat scheduled for Saturday, October 31 from 4-7pm at the Depot and the Winterfest Meeting scheduled for November 15.

Steve Conroy reported that he is planning work on the caboose and has received \$700 in contributions for the painting project. He indicated a need to power wash the caboose and requested approval to use a fire truck as a water source.

Resident Susie Mackley asked what the process is for taking someone to court; do we provide the attorney or are they responsible for seeking their own. Rod explained that having an attorney is the responsibility of the property owner in a blight situation.

Darrel Runyon reported the blight cleanup was completed on his recently acquired property at the end of School Street.

Greg Seckler provided information on accessing an IBM website.

### **Correspondence**

Byl reported Mark Irwin is working with the Road Commission and a need to vote on the match program. He also provided information regarding a letter received from Fair Salvage and the metal market which has reduced the revenues received.

### **Supervisor's Notes**

Byl reported closing on the fire truck loan on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. and the MATS Conference he had attended. He also indicated that attorney Bill Fahey will be at next month's meeting to talk about township legal matters.

### **Old Business**

Discussion followed regarding the new phone system and the cost. Additional systems will be explored including a Charter system.

Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to approve installation of two electric door openers at the Township garage per the bid from Central Michigan Door for \$751.56. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Kandy Coslow for the Janitor position by Rottiers, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

Byl reported that the CCRC Match Program is available for \$10,000 for gravel or \$20,000 for chip sealing indicating that Mark Irwin will be accepting ideas for use of these monies and take these ideas to the Road Commission.

Motion to approve \$20,000 for the Match Program with the Road Commission for chip sealing per Mark's recommendation by Yarhouse, supported by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

Byl reported he will get quotes for commercial carpet squares for installation in the Township office.

Byl asked that the Board Meeting scheduled for December 27, 2015 be changed to December 21, 2015. Motion by Irwin, supported by Rottiers, to reschedule the December 27, 2015 Regular Meeting to Monday, December 21, 2015. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the newsletter included with the December tax bills be completed and ready to go the next week.

Motion by Roland, supported by Yarhouse, to approve bills and wages totaling \$118,442.77. All ayes.  
Motion carried.

Motion by adjourn by Irwin. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.