

September 22, 2014

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
September 22, 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, Rottiers, Irwin and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, County Road Commissioners Richard Haynak and Julie Lightfoot and 17 citizens.

Motion to accept the August 25, 2014 meeting minutes by Irwin, seconded by Roland. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 21 runs, 17 of which were medical, one mutual aid and 3 illegal burns. He also reported that the parking lot project has started and that Jerry Becker would like to have a weather station at the fire hall. He indicated he would get back to the board on that.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Richard Haynak reported on the number of miles covered by the Road Commissioners and introduced newly appointed Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot who gave background on her experience and indicated areas that she will be working on.

There was no blight report, assessor report or sheriff's report.

Candidate Joel Johnson reported on the bills he is currently working on and those that have passed.

Public Participation

Jeanie Stewart reported on the recent Town Meeting indicating they were taking a different perspective on changes.

Kevin Tubbs reported the Lake Firefighters' Auxiliary Blood Drive was cancelled for September 27, 2014 due to a shortage of staff at Michigan Blood and indicated a new date will be set. He also reported the first meeting for the annual fishing contest will be Sunday, September 28, 2014 and that "Trunk or Treat" is scheduled for October 31, 2014 at the Depot.

Leonard Pilz indicated concerns over stop signs being covered by brush and snow removal at dead ends.

Correspondence Since Last Meeting

Byl reported on an engagement letter to acquire DNR property.

Supervisor's Notes

Byl reported on the Workman's Comp refunds received for 2012 and 2013, gave a vacant home update, \$1100 received from Consumers Energy for services rendered by the fire department, maintenance update including portable bathrooms at the parks upgraded, rocks around the planters,

depot project, brush burned at the Transfer Station and Cemetery project. He also indicated he has purchased a scanner to use at the Transfer Station and reported on 14 tax sale properties.

Old Business

Byl reported the Special Board Meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2014 commencing at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the purchase of a new fire truck.

Byl reported a quote had been received for new downspouts at the Depot. Motion to approve the quote from Steve's Seamless Gutters for \$375.00 by Rottiers, seconded by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments

Question asked when will we hear about the survey at Cook's Landing. Byl reported survey showed a 10.8' encroachment on township property.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$59,705.32 by Yarhouse, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion by Irwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.