

March 23, 2015

Garfield Township
Regular Board Meeting
March 23, 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, Irwin, Roland and Rottiers. Also present were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, County Commissioner Dale Majewski, Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot and Road Commission Representatives Deepak Gupta, Dave Sunday and Eric McNeilly, Garfield Township Grant Committee Chair Jeanie Stewart, Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman and 23 citizens.

Motion by Irwin, seconded by Yarhouse, to approve minutes of the February 23, 2015 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief Tubbs reported 19 runs, 12 of which were medical, 6 mutual aid and one shed fire. He also reported that he had talked with Coyne Oil regarding an unleaded fuel tank and the need for the approximate usage each year to determine the size of the tank. A check has been received from Evert Fire Department for \$2,070 from last spring when our department helped out with the flood. The contract from Lake Painting will be looked at by the Fire Chief and Supervisor in addition to a follow-up with Lake Painting to be reported next month.

County Commissioner Dale Majewski gave a brief report.

Road Commissioner Julie Lightfoot, along with Superintendent Deepak Gupta, provided information regarding Proposal 1 to be voted on at the May 5, 2015 Special Election.

Supervisor Byl reported there were 19 petitions for the Board of Review, three of which were veteran and 16 assessment petitions.

Blight Officer Rod Williams gave a brief update.

There was no Sheriff's report.

Public Comments included Lake Firefighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman reporting the Winterfest brought in \$2,132.96 and the recent bake sale \$218.00, the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for March 28 at 2:00 p.m., a container will be at the Transfer Station soon for township residents to donate their cans and bottles and proceeds going to the auxiliary and ultimately the community. She also indicated that the auxiliary is looking at the possibility of having a "Family Day" this summer with events such as a kids' carnival, petting zoo, tractor pull, lawn mower races and possible ball game, the Health Fair scheduled for April 18, 2015 from 10-2:00 p.m. at the Farwell High School.

Discussion followed regarding how much money is being put into projects and the Depot property where the Depot is located being separate entities.

Byl reported a letter had been received from the DNR regarding the May 4, 2015 auction of gas and oil leases.

Byl reported under Supervisor's Report that road brining dates are May 5, June 23 and August 13, 2015, provided an update on Cook's Landing and a letter that will go out to the corporation, road commission update regarding completion of the project regarding the best five miles to repair, vacant home update regarding all vacant homes in the BSA program to keep better records, Consumers Power conference he will be attending April 14 and 15, a possible addition to the website to keep people informed of what is going on the township, contacting homeowners on Mystic Lake Drive to explain to residents that the township is going forward with the DNR lease, a need to purchase additional stickers for the Transfer Station indicating he will get a quote.

Motion by Rottiers, supported by Yarhouse to purchase additional stickers not to exceed 10% more than the previous stickers cost. All ayes. Motion carried.

He also indicated that discussion next month will include paying for a portable toilet for South Beach park at 8 Point Lake.

Under Old Business, the Board was reminded that the Budget Meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Byl indicated an item needed to be added to the agenda to approve the resolution to authorize Consumers Energy Company to make changes in the lighting service as provided in the Standard Lighting Contract between the Company and the Township of Garfield.

Motion to adopt the resolution by Irwin, supported by Rottiers. Roll call vote all ayes. Motion carried.

Under New Business, Byl reported a need to purchase two new US flags. In addition, flags need to be purchased for the veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Also, the Aquacide pellets at the shoreline at Peterson Park and Cold Springs will be held off for one month.

Under Public Participation, Jim Thompson reported that at the Wild Cherry Subdivision there is about one mile of road in bad shape. He also indicated that brining is done some years on that road and some years it is not. L.G. Roberts asked if there will be a dumpster again this year for tires and what happens to houses that we get back. It was indicated that the township is not acquiring property.

Motion to pay bills and wages totaling \$42,285.77 to include \$100.00 for the Consumers Energy installation of a light at the corner of Eight Point Lake and Crooked Lake Drive by Yarhouse, supported Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Irwin to adjourn. There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.