

Garfield Township
Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022

Called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from December 20, 2021, made by Lard, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerks Report: A motion to approve the Clerk's report was made by Yarhouse supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Roland, supported by Clayton. All ayes, motion carried.

- **Fire Report:** Fire Chief Tubbs reported this is the report 12/23/2021 – 1/23/2022 - 30 Medical / 1 Power Lines/ 1 Misc. / 32 for the month / 350 YTD. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported SJ Conroy is the fire fighter of the year. Mike Athey & Emily Lauer have passed their medical classes. Mike Athey, Dennis Light & Adam Syarto are enrolled in fire fighter classes.
- New air packs have arrived, training will be starting. He reported the Tender is for sale, have a few interested fire departments. The old air packs are for sale
- The Winterfest is planned for February 26th from 7:00 am – 5:00 pm, at Peterson Park.

Supervisor Notes:

- Byl reported he attended the Broad Band meeting the beginning of January. Garfield Township will more than likely not be part of this because of where we are located.
- The Depot pop-up shop; SJ has been cleaning the Depot. Two pop-up shops could go in the Depot. Greg Bergtold sent out an email, targeting businesses that may want seasonal shops or weekend vendors. Construction has been started on the future shops. Byl presented to Jackie from the USDA, to see if the Grant would pay a portion of this cost.
- We are unable to get a new server currently due to a delay with supply.
- Board of Review (BOR) needs another person to replace Tom Radewahn, who is recently deceased. Tom Pirnstill will fill in until we have a replacement for Tom Radewahn.
- The USDA grants has been completed for a possible \$60 thousand towards the cost of the air packs for the Fire Department. Kevin Tubbs did a great job gathering all the information for the grant.
- A portion of the Gray Lake tax assessment has been received so we can pay a portion of this money to PLM for work done in the past.
- On Friday, January 28, 2022, Byl has a court case on Miles St, for a clean-up order.
- The Transfer Station is down \$13,000.00 in costs from last year.

Public Comment: No comment

Old Business:

Byl reported that the ARPA report is due in April 2022.

SJ Conroy is working with Martin Heating on a quote for a new furnace. SJ has received 2 quotes for air duct cleaning.

New Website: We have paid Chris Bergtold \$1300.00 for the work he has done on creating our new website, checking to see if a portion of that could be paid by the USDA grant. We have asked Chris for a quote to manage it.

New Business:

Resolution #2022-1 Poverty Exemption: Motion to accept this resolution was made by Lard supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Lard-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Roland-yes/Clayton-yes. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #2022-2 March Board of Review: Motion to accept this resolution was made by Roland supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Roland-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Lard-yes/Clayton-yes. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #2022-3 July Board of Review: Motion to accept this resolution was made by Roland supported by Yarhouse. Roll call vote: Roland-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Byl-yes/Lard-yes/Clayton-yes. All ayes motion carried.

Resolution #2022-4 December Board of Review: Motion to accept this resolution was made by Lard supported by Clayton. Roll call vote: Lard-yes/Clayton-yes/Byl-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes motion carried.

The Fire Department found a 2013 Dodge Ram, \$31,703.00. Motion was made by Clayton, supported by Lard to purchase this truck. Roll call vote: Clayton-yes/Lard-yes/Byl-yes/Yarhouse-yes/Roland-yes. All ayes motion carried.

Byl asked SJ Conroy to be an alternate for the BOR. Online training will begin on February 11, 2022. Motion was made by Yarhouse and supported by Clayton. All ayes motion carried.

Dale Majewski reported that Melissa Townsend has resign as the head of the Gyspe Moth program. Toni Maize will replace her. Toni is planning to come to our Township meeting to talk about this. Dale reported that Sheriff Wilson would like to put on the ballot in August or November a proposal to increase a millage 3-4 mills to hire more patrol, etc. Dale thought maybe it would be best to use the Covid ARPA money the County has 1st before asking the taxpayers.

Roland questions why it is so cold in the office. The old furnace is having a hard time during this cold spell.

Approval of January bills in the amount of \$69,613.46 motion to pay this amount was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022, at 6:30 pm.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Supervisor – David Byl

Clerk – Janet Clayton