

Garfield Township
Special Board Meeting-Budget
May 8th, 2017 at 7:00PM

Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Irwin, Roland, and Farwell. Kevin Tubbs, Fire Chief and Brad Beach, Assessor and his assistant. Also attending the meeting was one citizen.

1. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Approval of the regular Board meeting from April 24th, 2017 motion by Roland, supported by Irwin. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. The Fire Dept. Preliminary Budget 2017-2018 was presented by Kevin Tubbs.
4. The KCI and Clare County Equalization Tax distribution statement quotes were discussed at length as to what was included in the quotes and whose responsibilities it is to insure that the statements are correct.
5. The Rowe Engineering Design Contract was discussed at great length and tabled.
6. Approval to issue Civil Infraction Tickets was discussed. Currently one ticket has been issued. Shall the issuance be formal from the attorneys or informal from the township board, who will discuss the blight problem and decide whether or not to issue the ticket. The supervisor is responsible to sign the ticket. The ticket recipient has two weeks to respond to the ticket before it is sent to the county. Tabled.
7. Cemetery fees. The clerk distributed cemetery fees from the surrounding area. We need to increase our fees to pay for the perpetual care our township continues to provide. We are lower than anyone around.
8. A brief discussion of the Preliminary 2017-2018 Budget ensued with changes to a few of the accounts that needed to be tweaked from the first meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for May 16th at 6:30pm.
9. Public Comments: none

Supervisor

Clerk