

**Garfield Township  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The meeting opened at 11:10 am by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Yarhouse, Farwell, Irwin and Roland-absent. Also in attendance was Fire Chief Tubbs and 2 fire fighters, and 3 citizens.

1. **Agenda:** The meeting agenda for December 29, 2018 was approved by a motion from Irwin, and supported by Yarhouse. All Ayes. Motion carried.
  
2. **Old Business:** The purchase of the Avon SCBA proposals.  
Three proposals were received and distributed. The equipment request was downsized to 10 Air Packs, (from 15), at a cost of \$86,707 with the compressor. Current compressor can-not be retrofitted for the new packs but the Fill Station can be. Dept. would like at least, 6 Air Packs to outfit two guys in, two guys out and two spares, as the rules for safety state. The least number of Air Packs would be 4, coming to \$22,610 plus the cost of the compressor. The possibility of finding a compatible compressor at a lessor price and buying Air Packs a few at a time would be more feasible. The Fire Truck payment is a chief concern going forward. Tax money is still coming in, but will not be all in until end of February. This purchase should have been discussed further in our Budget meetings. There could be a possibility of receiving a grant but no guarantee. We shouldn't be forced into such a large expense. Total income for the Fire Dept. is approx. \$168,000. We are budgeted for the current .at \$170,000. The Fire Dept. reserve funds were discussed and it was ultimately decided that it would not be prudent for the township to approve the high cost of this new equipment at this time. We will shelf this at this time but keep it in the forefront for the future.
  
3. **New Business:** Formal Hearing January 8<sup>th</sup>. Joe Stragea would like to delay the hearing due to attorney involvement. Offers have been made to work out problems.
  
4. **Public Comments:**  
J R McGraw- Speaking as a friend of Joe Stragea. Stay where he is without township involvement. Township would have a remainder man and a Life Estate on the property to could take care of property, should something happen to Joe Stragea. Supervisor will distribute the attorney papers he is aware of, to the board as an update. The Courts are reasonable about Hearing postponements. J R complimented and appreciated the board for their involvement and comments.  
Joe Stragea: ~~Asked for a delay in the hearing~~ Reported that a hearing postponement request to the courts had been agreed upon by the concerned parties.
  
5. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Irwin, Supported by Yarhouse. Motion carried.

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*David Byl, Supervisor*

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*Joan E. Farwell, Clerk  
Transcribed by Janet Clayton*