

Garfield Township
Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25th, 2016 7:00pm

1. The meeting opened at 7:00pm by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were Byl, Farwell, Irwin, Yarhouse and Roland. Also attending the meeting were Garfield Township Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs, Garfield Township Blight Officer Rod Williams, Garfield Fire Fighters Auxiliary President Betty Tessman, Clare County Dale Majewski, and two State Representative candidates.
2. The meeting agenda for the April 25th was approved.
3. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 11th Special Budget Meeting were approved after a correction to the Fire Department Fire Truck Computer needs. Motion made by Irwin, and supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried
4. Treasurer's report was approved after a motion by Roland, seconded by Farwell. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Trustee Irwin discussed the road repairs scheduled for 2016 in Garfield Township by the Road Commission.
6. Trustee Roland discussed the Molded Plastic Stack chairs in comparison with the Foldable Metal Chairs.
7. Fire Chief Kevin Tubbs reported 102 runs YTD. There is a total of 17 for April, 11 medical, 1 illegal burn, 2 structure fires, 1 grass fire, 1 road hazard, and 1 downed power line. New Volunteer Fire Fighter, Miranda Pittman. All candidate checks were OK. The board approved Miranda Pittman as a fire fighter. Department had a cardiac arrest victim. Performed CPR for an hour and the victim left with heart beating.
10. Byl would like to have the boards approval to pursue the cost of a power pole at Peterson's Park.
11. Clare County Commissioner Dale Majewski left the minutes of the Commissioner's meeting for those who wanted them. He mentioned the Grand Opening of Freedom Village is May 25, at 1:00pm which will exhibit the Wall of Tears. The Clare County Road Commission will have a Construction Overview Program on May 5th at 2:00 pm and 5:00pm to tell the public what is happening with the roads in Clare County, past and present. Consumers Energy will be changing out meters in the summer of 2017 and new readings will be transmitted by cell towers to Consumers, so no more Meter Readers, but they will fill other jobs within CE. As an aside, Dale had a conversation with Mark Miller, DNR. He is a steam engine buff and is fascinated by our Coal Chute and very interested in the grant we have applied for.

12. Candidates: Dr Robert Townsend; and George Gilmore; both running for State Representative to replace term limited Joel Johnson.

13. Sheriff report was given by Deputy Weekman. He reported 8 accidents; 13 ambulance calls, 27 gun control calls; 23 property checks 20 traffic stops; and an unknown activity on Maple and Garfield Roads involving Clare County and the Michigan State Police.

14. Fire Department Auxiliary. Betty Tessman reported the Bake Sale netted \$83.00 on 4-9-2016; and participation in the Paula Pirnstill Health Fair on 4-16. On 5-14-2016 there will be a Car Wash; on 5-21 the Fire Dept Open House will be from 2P till 5P.

15. Supervisor Byl reported: 1)DIFS-the Fire Insurance Escrow Fund to be withheld is set at \$12,056.00;

2) He is ordering glass partition windows for the office (as a sound barrier) from Mt Pleasant Sash for \$362.00; 3) Road brining will be done on 5-13-2016, weather permitting. 4) Assessor Assistant needs a key;

5) The Parks Committee requested to put a flyer in with the Tax bill, it will be a donation form for the Grant.

6) Receiving pressure from residents for tire re-cycling at the Transfer Station

16. Tom Pirnstill extended a thank you to those who attended the Health Fair and spoke of 20 vendors in the Kids Gym, giving away 100 bike helmets, 125 life jackets and many other items. The outside exhibits were well attended with the medical helicopter and accident result simulators. The large gym had 70 vendors from various health and community help agencies. 300 free lunches were eaten and free recipes given, free health screenings were provided and 13 pints of blood were donated. It was the largest Health Fair attendance thus far.

17. Public comment: None

18. Old Business. Office remodel: Presented a plastic stackable chair from Quill at a cost of \$22.00 with free delivery charges. Chairs to be voted on at the Budget meeting on May 9th after seeing the other chair sample. Should order at least 60 to 75. Several bids on the carpeting 2X2 foot squares, Scaff \$2,898 and Woods, (office only) bid \$1,853. Underlayment not necessary. Ceiling covering would be \$3,000 and wall painting bid at \$935. Painting could be done at any time. New office desks are needed in the clerk's area. No more card tables and make shift work areas. File cabinets in the back room will be removed into the basement, if not holding current information... Roland mentioned to get rubber tips for the tables used in the hall area.

19. New Business: Transfer Station removal of discarded metal was brought up by Irwin. Can metal be re-moved or not by residents? The original plan was to subsidize the Transfer Station cost by being able to sell the metal. This money for the metal also subsidizes the tire disposal. Lots of liability and what one person can do, all must be able to do. Other discarded items were also mentioned. Tom Pirnstill would like to see

an exception if medical equipment is disposed of. The return of money on the metal is not as lucrative as in the beginning, but it is still a revenue stream. Need to draft verbiage for how to handle this debacle. Byl going to a Supervisor Conference and will get some ideas on how to handle the problem.

20. Approval of bills. Motion to approve all bills was made by Roland. Supported by Yarhouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

23. Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.