

Garfield Township  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 22, 2021

Called to order at 7:00 pm (via Zoom) by Supervisor Byl leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Board members present were Byl, Clayton, Lard, Roland & Yarhouse.

Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed, no changes made. Motion to accept agenda was made by Clayton, supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the January 25, 2021 minutes was made by Roland and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Clerks report was made by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Roland and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

**Fire Report:** Runs 1/24/21 – 2/17/21

9 Medical / 1 Misc. / 2 Mutual aid / 12 for the month / 36 year to date.

John McCracken / SJ Conroy appointed Assistant Chief.

Dale Majewski gave the County Commissioner report. Loss of funding going from department to department looking where cuts can be made. County may need outsource the I.T.

**Supervisor Notes:** Tree removal at Cemetery & Cold Springs, bids will be taken. ROAM-information for seniors over age 60.

Board of Review is being held March 8<sup>th</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact the BOR via mail or Zoom.

Title search came back on the Grange Building, Gateway Title will handle all the paperwork and close for around \$700.00. The Board agreed to have Gateway do the paperwork.

No cell tower at the Cemetery-title search showed that we cannot do it on the property that was donated.

Ace Alarm-we are having problems, Dave will continue to work with them on this.

USDA Grant-Greg Bergtold & Dave Byl will keep us informed as they go along. Greg Bergtold met with most of the Township Board members and explained the process. Exciting things are happening!

**Public Comment:** No comments

**Old Business:** The Board was notified about looking at the Gray Lake petitions. Dave Byl felt that if we take steps to right the wrongs cited by the judge, the Board needed to certify the petitions. Janet Clayton & Joan Farwell were both present when Steve Erickson went through the petitions.

Sheryl Judd is retiring and we have found someone to take over as webmaster as of March 5, 2021.

**New Business:** What to do when a fire call turns into a large expense for the Township? Kevin reported that he did the research, most homeowner policies have a \$1000.00 cap for this type of expense. It is generally built into the policy. Should we bill for damages to equipment? Clayton felt that there should be some way to recoup the cost (ex. Damage tire-cost \$700.00, etc.) but more information is needed. Yarhouse doesn't want to charge the homeowner if possible and would like more information. Lard also would like more information but stated that if you are injured and taken by ambulance, your insurance is billed. Roland would also like more information before making a decision. Byl stated that we need to collect more information for a future discussion.

Kevin Tubbs has been doing the snowplowing and Billy Johnson has been cleaning for the last 2 weeks. Billy cleans the office and hall on Friday. Do we need to hire a janitor or a person to snow blow? Byl would like to post a General Maintenance job for 10+ hours a week.

Approval of February bills in the amount of \$42,599.18. Motion by Yarhouse and supported by Lard. All ayes, motion carried.

Next meeting is March 22, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by Clayton, supported by Roland. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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Supervisor – David Byl

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Clerk – Janet Clayton