

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 8, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by James Dubay the Supervisor at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisor-James Dubay, Clerk-Kimberly Day, Treasurer-Betty Monsion, Trustee-Brad Dubay and Trustee-James Herber were present.

The Pledge was said in unison. A moment of silence for Gerald Delano a life long resident, original member of the Fire Department, and retired Assistant Chief of the Fire Department.

Public attendance was twenty.

Minutes from the September 10, 2012 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by James Herber/Betty Monsion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion made by Brad Dubay/James Herber to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Betty Monsion informed the board that Citizens Bank is being sold to First Merritt Bank.

Bills presented. See attached. Motion made by James Dubay/James Herber to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: Kimberly Day read information that she researched on the bandstand. See attached.

Kimberly Day gave an update on Northern Bay Ambulance. The parking lot has recently been seal coated. NBA is currently looking at having the building painted. NBA will be checking with the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) about a new program they are starting. (Downtown businesses that are doing improvements to their facilities, the DDA will be reimbursing half the cost of the project. NBA is not sure of all the details at this point, but will be checking with the DDA.) NBA is currently waiting for the 2012-2013 Grim contract to be returned. NBA has requested that the \$500.00 payment be submitted with the signed contract. It was approved that NBA sign the Grim

contract when returned with the payment.

We will be waiting until next budget year to do the roof on the garage.

New Business: Motion made by Kimberly Day/James Herber to approve a \$300.00 bonus to Gerald Dubay (Park/Cemetery Groundskeeper.) This amount is the same as last year. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Karen Snyder has submitted a written resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to accept Karen Snyder's written resignation from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Tentative Planning Commission meeting dates for 2013 are as follows: January 8, 2013, April 2, 2013, August 6, 2013, and December 2, 2013.

Planning Commission had a question on mobile homes in the Zoning Ordinance. Kimberly Day checked with MTA they had nothing referencing mobile homes. Williams Township, Monitor Township, and Frankenlust Township have their Zoning Ordinance on their web-sites. Outside of a mobile home park it only requires that mobile homes meet the manufacturer standard and approval from the building inspector.

The supervisor stated that Bill Pelton informed him at the Fire Department Training that he would be resigning from the Planning Commission also. The Township Board has not received anything in writing.

James Herber (Planning Commission Member) stated that Brian Lavrak contacted him on the Kitchen Road project. Brian wanted to know were the Planning Commission starts and stops. He has concerns on what happened at the last Planning Commission meeting on the guidelines for the sand permit. One Planning Commission Board Member contacted the Bay County Road Commission and the DEQ (maybe this Planning Commission Board Member is trying to sabotage the sand pit). Leroy Day Zoning Administrator gave the supervisor a copy of the restrictions. If there are any problems it should be reported to the Planning Commission Board at a regular meeting and then the Planning Commission Board will give the complaint to the Zoning Administrator to check into. The supervisor said he would contact MTA on this issue and get more information and clarification.

Fire Chief: Last month there were three fires and six medicals. The Fire Department ordered some air packs. This past Saturday the Fire Department had helicopter training. The supervisor stated that at the December Township Board meeting the board will need two names submitted from the Fire Chief for Assistant Fire Chief. MTA suggested that the Township Board received two names from the Fire Department. At the December Township Board meeting the Township Board will appoint an Assistant Fire Chief.

Miscellaneous Second Public Comment: Joe Boudreau (Planning Commission Member) stated there is miss-information given. Brian Lavrack's restrictions stated he was to contact Soil Erosion, DEQ, and the Bay County Road Commission. When Joe was at the Bay County Road Commission meeting he questioned if Brian Lavrack has contacted to the Road Commission on his

project on Kitchen Road. Jim Lillo (Engineer-Manager) then instructed a Road Commission employee to go out and video Kitchen Road, since they can not make anyone bond the road. The supervisor then stated that there are eleven restrictions listed and signed by both parties.

Jack Gotfryd thanked Jerry Dubay for the great job he does on keeping the Park and Cemetery looking great. Jerry does a wonderful job.

Renee Kurowski since the grant money has to be return for the bandstand project what are you going to do about the motion you (James Dubay) made last month. "Jim you need to rescind that motion from last month."

Karen Snyder (Garfield Park and Rec. Non-Profit Group) they had an appointment with Fraser Township tonight on the bandstand. The supervisor asked her if they have submitted anything on the bandstand to Al Thompson yet. Karen Snyder said they are still working on it. The supervisor asked if they are going to have 100% funding to build the bandstand. Karen Snyder said they plan on doing community things to raise the money. When they applied for the grant they only wanted to have it built here in their community. Karen Snyder said she has signed names of people in the community that are interested. There are people who see the need to do things in this community. People can't afford to go elsewhere to do things this is for our community. This is something for the community to do as a whole. She has gotten no help or support from this community on this project. There are lots of poor kids in this community. Karen asked Brad Dubay (Garfield Park and Rec. NON-PROFIT Group) who the grant check was made out to and he stated that the grant check was made out to Rods & Rednecks.

Renee Kurowski why is the Non-Profit Group in such a hurry to try and rush this though. How can the Township Board vote and okay something if you don't have anything in writing. This is going to become a burden to the Township. The Township has not received any number figures on the project. How can it be okay to move forward if they give a drawing to the building inspector, the Township Board still does not have anything in writing? "Jim you need to rescind that motion from last month." And it seems like it should be a conflict of interest for Brad Dubay. "The supervisor said he told them as long as its ok with Al Thompson then they could move forward." But you already Okayed something and you don't have all the information how can you do that?

Kathy Niemiec stated that she has worked with several Non-Profit Groups on projects. First you raise the funds, then you have a definite plan, then you present your plan and finical information. This is foggy it has not been thought all the way though the way it should have been.

Joe Boudreau stated that when the Township built the hall the Township Board didn't just go out and build the hall without blueprints and permits. There were several meetings and all the proper steps were taken. What is the bottom line cost on the bandstand project? This Non-Profit Group should have to follow the proper steps like everyone else. At this point "Jim you need to rescind that motion you made last month." Until they get their act together and quit jumping the gun on this project.

Brad Dubay (Garfield Park and Rec. Non-Profit Group) at last months meeting

we were just trying to get the Township Board to approve the bandstand being built in the Township Park. They need to secure a piece of Township Property for the bandstand. They are not going to spend money to design something if it can not be built. When you built a home you don't go out and have prints drawn up if you don't have a piece of property to build it on.

Karen Snyder (Garfield Park and Rec. Non-Profit Group) they currently do not have a cost Hymmco is working on a drawing and all the costs will be figured in.

Sherry Protasiewicz "Jim you need rescind your motion from last month" there is a conflict here with Brad Dubay and James Herber. (James Herber said he is not a part of the Non-Profit Group he sat on the Garfield Township Park and Rec. Committee.) Shouldn't the township board follow rules? There are too many unanswered questions.

Kathy Silvernale stated after listening to all the comments did we all forget what Kim just presents to everyone? Kathy asked if Kim would please read it again. (Kim read aloud again.)

Karen Snyder (Garfield Park and Rec. Non-Profit Group) they were just asking for a Township Committee to run movies. The proposal they presented was just a suggestion; they want to make sure that the bandstand would get used. After all the work that will be put into the bandstand they want it to be used and not just sit there. In Kim's statement it makes it look like we are liars, I don't out right lie. Karen spoke with Williams Township Zoning but did not tell him who she was. He told her he would wave the permit fees. They never said that other Township approved the bandstand. They just wanted permission from the Township Board to go ahead after they got the drawings. They are waiting to get the prints and see what Al Thompson says when he gets the prints.

Joe Boudreau this Non-Profit Groups name is misleading, six months ago at the Township meeting this started and at every meeting it's hard to understand what group we are talking about the Township or the Non-Profit Group. Why has no one stepped forward to change the name of the Non-Profit Group?

The supervisor stated that long before this Non-Profit Group was formed and this bandstand project started; he had one person interested in sitting on the Garfield Township Park and Rec. Committee. He has not received any calls since it was posted in the Pinconning Journal and the Bay City Times did an article on the bandstand. The supervisor stated that forming a Park Commission like stated by MTA is very in depth. Township would need to do a lot of work and research if this is something that the Township Board would like to form.

James Herber stated he doesn't see why a Township Committee still can't be formed. The Township Committee would bring events to the Township Board and the Township Board would schedule events and runs the events. He has not seen anything on a Park Commission; it was just present tonight.

James Dubay stated that the Garfield Park and Rec. Non-Profit Group has had one month to get a drawing with an architect stamp NOT an engineer stamp (two different things) to Al Thompson to review and approve. There is still no

dollar amount on the project and no one to run events and several unanswered questions. James Dubay stated he has only one decision at this point and that is to rescind his motion from last month. *"To move forward with the bandstand upon approval of an architect drawing with correct stamp approved by Al Thompson (Area Code Enforcement) at no cost to the township, with the bandstand to be built in Garfield Township Park."* Motion has been rescinded by James Dubay-Supervisor.

Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk
