

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 12, 2013, 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-Gerald Rivard and Trustee-Paul Niemiec were all present.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was fourteen.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes from the July 8, 2013 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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

Northern Bay Ambulance: Supervisor informed everyone there will a meeting on September 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Pinconning Township Hall, every Township that is involved with NBA will be present and the City of Pinconning. Gerald Rivard added that at this meeting they will be discussing what is going to happen with the ambulance service.

Planning Commission: Paul Niemiec reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Paul Smith reported that there were eighteen runs last month all medical. The compressor is all hooked up just waiting for additional training. Paul Smith would like to recommend John Cotter to the Township Board to be placed on the Fire Department; training will start sometime in September. Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to place John Cotter on the Fire Department after all records are checked out and everything comes back clear. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Unfinished Business: The Supervisor would like to let everyone know that if he is not here on Saturday he will post in the window what day he will be in his office. Recently he could not be here on Saturday; he was working at the Fire Barn. He did have office hours on Sunday instead.

New Business: The Township board has received a packet from Tom Fouchea/Ordinance Enforcer; currently all board members have not had a chance to review.

This coming weekend is currently the last park rental we have for the year. We will be having the fall dumpster delivered early so Jerry Dubay can start on the garage roof.

Resolution 21 Fire and Emergency Service Ordinance Fee Schedule. Motion made by Kimberly Day/Betty Monsion to accept. Roll call: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. (See Attached)

Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to have videotaping of meetings set up by the Kitchen area. Voice recorders at meeting can be placed where they do NOT interfere with anyone else in the public. A voice recorder can NOT be placed on the front table (where board members sit) or at the podium. Motion carried.

After reviewing the Audit Betty Monsion spoke with Chemical Bank and FirstMerit Bank about being underinsured. The township is currently insured for up to \$250,000.00. Chemical Bank recommended a three month CD for anything over \$250,000.00. FirstMerit Bank recommended a non-interest bearing account for anything over \$250,000.00. Fund could be taken in and out with no penalties. Motion made by James Dubay/Paul Niemiec to have the Treasurer open a non-interest bearing account when the funds are over \$250,000.00. Motion carried. Roll call vote: 5 yeas, 0 Nays

Supervisor explain that in June 2012 that beginning in July 2012 the Township Hall would be available to rent on a one year trial bases. The one year trial bases is up and no one has rented the Township Hall. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Kimberly Day to NOT have the Township Hall available to rent . Motion carried.

The supervisor spoke with Brian Wood from TV5 about Carter Road; nothing the supervisor said was aired. The township board is aware that something needs to be done with Carter Road. Currently the Road Commission is working with Mt. Forest Township on a trial basis on crushing their roads that cannot be saved. Garfield Township currently has four miles out of the twenty-one miles in Bay County that need to be crushed. (Carter Road between Erickson Road and Townline 16 Road and Newberg Road between Garfield Road and Eight Mile Road.) If the Road Commission pays to crush these roads the township would be able to have these roads resurfaced.

Jerry Dubay informed the board that a power pole at the cemetery has red tape on it and needs to be replaced. Just wondering when it is going to be replaced; a bad storm will take the power pole out.

Public Comment: Ray Manyan 1055 Rogers Road last mile of this Road is in need of gravel. Supervisor stated that gravel will happen in the fall; and we will look at Rogers Road.

Paul Smith would like to thank everyone for their donations to Muscular

Dystrophy; they raised \$33,000.00.

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk