

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, MARCH 10, 2014, 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 fifteen.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to approve the meeting agenda.
Motion carried.

Minutes from the February 10, 2014 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Paul Niemiec to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Betty Monsion to make the following budget line item adjustments. **General Fund** \$793.00 from Attorney to Insurance, \$22.00 from Attorney to Printing and Publications. **Fire Fund** \$270.00 from Miscellaneous to Equipment Maintenance, \$105.00 from Miscellaneous to Electricity. Motion carried.

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

Northern Bay Ambulance: Currently there is nothing new to report.

Planning Commission: Paul Niemiec reported the next meeting will be April 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a special permit meeting on March 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

LeRoy Day Zoning Administrator stated he received an application for a Special Use Permit Sand Removal he informed the Planning Commission on this at their last meeting. Not one Planning Commission member had any questions; now that the meeting has been scheduled they are upset and would like to discuss the special meeting. LeRoy stated his job once he receives a special use permit application he is to get a meeting set up, go see the adjoining property owners with-in 300 feet. It is not his job to call every Planning

Commission Member to see what day works best for them to have a meeting. He does not get paid to even attend the Planning Commission Meetings. Paul Niemiec stated that on page 70 the Planning Commission Members are to set up the Special Use Meetings. LeRoy is to just give the Planning Commission the application for the Special Use Permit and the Planning Commission does the rest of the work. Supervisor state he will check into this.

Fire Department: Captain Anthony Holstine asked for a moment of silence for firefighter James Warren that has recently passed away. Anthony then proceeded to the read "The Firemen's Prayer".

Anthony then gave the fire department report: there were eight members present at February's meeting. Eight members attended pipeline training. They are currently looking into changing or creating a policy to reimburse firefighter for mileage when they graduate from training. There were 16 runs in January. Currently Anthony Holstine, Brad Hoffman, Becky Hoffman, Steve Schumacher, and Bryan Neumeyer are attending pre-rec officer training at Williams Township. The three cadets in training are doing well.

Betty Monsion asked Anthony if the fire department would like to send thank you letters to the people who have made donations to the fire department on behalf of James Warren.

Public Comment: Kevin Daley who is currently a Michigan House Representative in Lapeer County is running for State Senate. Kevin gave brief speech on his background; he also informed us that the 31st Senate seat will cover Lapeer, Tuscola and Bay Counties.

Kathy Silvernale presented each board member with a letter which she also read aloud "We would like to congratulate Betty for her excellent contribution to our community. 2013 has been a challenge for many communities, but not for us. Betty and the board has kept us from falling victim to fiscal despair as many other communities have Betty has been at this position for 36 years. 27 of them as the deputy treasurer and 9 years as the treasurer. Let's all thank Betty for doing such a fabulous job." A round for applause was then given.

Laurie Jones 1492 North Carter complaints have been made against her property and she has received a letter from the Township attorney. She has spoken with the supervisor; and he told her she needs to work with the Township board on the complaint. She also stated that there are items on her property that currently cannot be removed due to the fact they do not belong to her. She stated she will be working on cleaning the property up when the weather breaks.

Cynthia Killey 2038 West Anderson Road she was currently at the Bay County Commissioner meeting and they said a prayer after the pledge; she would like to know if this board was open to doing this.

Unfinished Business: Supervisor stated he just received 134 page email from the Bay County Road Commission on crushing and shaping roads. The board will review and report back next month.

New Business: We received our website yearly report and 675 people viewed our website in 2013.

Supervisor read Resolution 2014-3 MABAS (See Attached.) Roll call: Gerald

Rivard "YES", Betty Monsion "YES", Paul Niemiec "YES", Kimberly Day "YES", James Dubay "YES". (5 Yes, 0 No)

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to have the supervisor sign the MABAS Agreement. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Kimberly Day to accept and place of file the "Garfield Township Policy on Attorney Services in Code Violation Cases" (see attached) Motion carried.

Settlement Day/Budget Hearing/Budget Adoption will be held on March 30, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

A special thank you to Anthony Holstine for "The Firemen's Prayer" and Betty Monsion for her years of serving the community.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk