

# **GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday September 12, 2016**

**Garfield Township Hall**

**1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634**

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### **MINUTES**

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

Roll was taken, Gerald Rivard, Brenda Satkowiak, James Dubay, Florence Gotfryd and Paul Niemiec all present.

The Pledge was said in unison.

Motion made by Satkowiak/Rivard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rivard/Niemiec to approve the August 8th minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer read her report. Motion made by Rivard, Niemiec to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dubay/Rivard to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Rivard gave the Northern Bay Report. No meeting held this month. There are now 3 ambulances . NBA purchased a used one.

Niemiec gave a Planning Commission report. The dog kennel approved has offered canines for search and rescue if needed. The next meeting will be on December 6<sup>th</sup> the last one for this year.

Fire Chief Hoffman gave a report. Nicole Schumacher has resigned and turned in her gear. She is moving out of the township. There was no meeting in July. A total of 68 runs made in July and August. Hoffman and Nuemeyer attended a Chiefs meeting in Monroe over the weekend. Their room was provided by supervisor Dubay at no cost to the township. This class will not be offered again there.

Northern Bay Ambulance was present to take vitals for residents attending the meeting. Deanna Dubay gave a report of some new services available thru a grant. For someone needing assistance they will go to a patients home and save a trip to the ER or a Doctors office. They will collect data on the patient. This will not be an ambulance paid response. It will cost about the same as an office call. The Dr. can prescribe thru tele medicine a prescription. Anyone , especially the needy can use this thru the grant.

Representative Glens' office called the Clerk with an answer to the ditching money question asked him in August at the meeting. His response was the money is portioned out to the counties and they put it where they see fit.

Public input.

Clerk spoke of some issues at the cemetery, read the rules posted. Mentioned the township web site lacking the minutes for 4 months. The planning commission posting time and/or date changes. The cemetery and park are being well maintained. Mentioned rules/laws for candidates when entering the polls on election day. New voting machines supposed to be purchased in 2017. The Federal government will be implementing new laws next year for election.

Dubay reported the propane company will fill in late October a top off fill for .99 a gallon. Once. After that it will cost \$1.19 a gallon. He will call them near the end of October.

Discussed roads. Mr Manion spoke about Rogers Road again.

Supervisor explained if we chip and seal the roads before the 5 years is up ( it has only been 3) the township would have to pay for the gravel, grading and shaping of the roads involved. We do not have money for that. WE could do 4 full miles and a half mile and a quarter mile and fill in on Rogers Road We did not close the bridge on Erickson Road and the County said they didn't either. An independent survey company closed the bridge. Supervisor suggested holding off on the limestone.

Motion made by Rivard/Niemiec to recind the motion made in August. A motion to write up an agreement for 2 miles of brown gravel and 2 miles of 23A ready for chip and seal. Motion carried to recind motion.

Motion made by Rivard/Niemiec to do ½ mile of Rogers road, 4 miles of 9 mile road, Newberg to Anderson and ½ mile from Townline 16 to Almeda on 9 mile road and last quarter mile on Bay Midland Line road south of Townline 16 road at 1/3 cost of that road only if split 3 ways. Motion carried.

The large community dumpster will be available September 17<sup>th</sup> at the hall.

Problems at the Crump Days weekend was discussed. There will be more police units patrolling there next year. The township is not involved with it. The merchants put it on.

The Election Commission will hold their General Election meeting immediately following the October township meeting.

Motion made by Dubay/ Niemiec to reappoint Steve Betters to the Planning Commission. His term expired. Motion carried

Public input.

Bill Joles spoke about outdoor lights staying on at the hall and fire barn all day. This will be checked out.

Motion made by Satkowiak/ Rivard to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Florence Gotfryd, Clerk