

# REGULAR MEETING

Monday MAY 8, 2017

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.

Public attendance was 41.

Roll was taken, Gerald Rivard, Karen Snyder, James Dubay, Connie Fantozzi, and Leroy Day all present.

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Rivard/Day to approve the April 8th minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer read her report. Motion made by Rivard/Day to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

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

**Northern Bay** no meeting this month

**Planning Commission** Next meeting 6-6-17

**Fire Dept** Fire Chief Brad Hoffman gave fire report. 9 runs in total – 1 personal injury, 2 fires and 6 medical runs.

**Correspondence** none

**Road Commission** Dubay did his township ride with Todd from the Road Commission looking at roads and ditching. Several roads need resealing, 5 need ditching (2 are primary roads). The county is going to start dust control in Pinconning, Fraser and then Garfield in the next few weeks. This will be discussed at a special meeting for roads where Dubay will have prices.

## **Public Comment**

**Cemetery** Comments were heard from Lori Jones, Sherry Protasiewicz, June Wilson, Diana Srovdawa, Leonard Gorgols, Tom Groulx, Michelle Faith and others regarding cleaning of the cemetery. Dubai suggested we incorporate discussion on cemetery rules with the special meeting on roads to determine what revisions may be needed to the rules. May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 was set as the meeting date with Dubai to post this in the Pinconning Journal and have it placed on the township website.

Ditching – Dean Palmer spoke up about ditching needed on west Erickson road – Dubai to review the site and call Todd at the Road Commission to remind him as Dean had already brought this to their attention also.

Snow Plowing bids – Mark Satkowiak questioned need for snow plowing bids as he felt his prices were reasonable and he hasn't raised them in a long time. Fantozzi pointed out that there is no contract for this service and a contract is needed. Satkowiak stated it was under a gentlemen's agreement that went back over 20 years. Dubai advised Satkowiak to submit a contract for these services. Motion made by Day/Rivard. Roll call vote – Day-yes; Snyder-yes; Rivard-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

## **OLD Business**

**Use of Hall** this is still in progress

**Cleaning of Hall** Bay Area Professional Cleaning will be cleaning 3 times a year

**Provident Insurance (Firefighters injury/accident insurance)** Dubai asked Fire Chief Brad Hoffman his opinion of the quote reviewed with the Fire Dept last week. Chief stated that the Fire Dept was good to go on this policy. Motion made by Fantozzi/Snyder. Roll call vote – Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW Business**

**Snow Plowing Bids** See Public Comments above regarding this issue

**Road Side Mowing Bid** Contract from Jay's Lawn Service reviewed for the next 3 years which increases by \$50 each year ( \$2400 for 2017; 2450 for 2018 and 2500 for 2019). Motion made by Day/Rivard. Roll Call vote – Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

**Grant Writer-Roads/Bridges** Dubai spoke with the grant writer who advised that various areas be checked for available money for municipalities/roads and then provide him the list at which point he will write the grants. This will save the township money if we do the legwork. Dubai discussed with Leonard Gorgol doing the research to locate possible grants/funds. The grant writer suggested the USDA, politicians, and other organizations involved in agricultural activities as the best places to start.

**Audit**

Township audit was today, May 8, 2017

**Tax Bill Printing** Snyder stated that she is looking into the printing of tax bills to determine cost savings if not done through the county.

**MISC Board Items** none

**Public Comment** Additional comments from June Wilson, Penny Drouse and Marcia Passineault regarding cemetery rules. Dubai reiterated that meeting would be 5-22 at 6:30 p.m. and he would post the notice in the Pinconning Journal.

**Adjournment** Motion made by Day/Snyder to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Connie Fantozzi Clerk

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Date