

# REGULAR MEETING

## Tuesday October 9, 2018

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 18.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the agenda including removing the PA116 item listed under New Business as paperwork has not been turned in. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Fantozzi asked for correction to August meeting minutes to correct the start time reported for the Planning Commission in those minutes. Original minutes state 6:00 p.m. but meeting referenced actually started at 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Dubay/Day. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Snyder. Motion made Rivard/Day by to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Fantozzi requested monies be moved as follows:

\$ 77.00 from Parks Maintenance to Gasoline (mower gas)

\$850.00 from Cemetery Maintenance to Drains at Large

\$500.00 from Parks Maintenance to Planning Commission

\$200.00 from Supervisor mileage to Planning Commission

\$255.00 from Classes to Planning Commission

Motion made by Dubay/Rivard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dubay/Day to pay the bills Motion carried

### **Northern Bay**

Rivard mentioned Northern Bay has not been paid by Medicare for several months. Discussion held indicating NBA needs to work with their billing service on correcting this.

### **Planning Commission**

Dubay advised next meetings are: October 18, 2018

All meetings to be at Fox Conservation Club on Prevo Road and all start at 6:30 p.m.

**Fire Dept** Chief Hoffman delivered report for Sept runs:

- 7 medical
- 3 fire (2 mutual aid – Beaver & Gibson)  
first aid (car accident)  
well being check
- 2 Wires down
- 2 Personal injury

Cameras in use for thermal imaging need new batteries. One was purchased from Batteries Plus for \$30. Research is still being done on the other battery which will cost approximately \$300.00.

7 people went to training at the Horizons Center for a Charleston 9 presentation.

**Correspondence** none

### **Road Commission**

Bay Midline culvert is being made by a Lansing company and the install being done by a Cadillac company. Culvert is approx. \$84,000 and install approx. \$121,960.50.

Fantozzi advised minimum bill received so far for other work contracted for on Bay Midline Road

**Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update** nothing

### **Public Comment**

Mike Duranczyk spoke about resolution the County Commission passed today (resolution 2018-238) opposing Senate bill 1031 which would take away personal property tax on transmission lines, substations etc. He recommended everyone contact their senator.

There is a meet the candidate set up for October 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pinconning Community Center. All are welcome.

Presentation on layout of landowners in Garfield Township with signed wind turbine leases with different colors representing those landowners who live in Garfield Twp and those who don't. Also a letter was presented to Dubai asking for no changes to the Planning Commission meeting schedule. Dubai advised the Planning Commission sets its own meeting outlines.

FOIA request turned into Dubai.

### **OLD Business** none

### **NEW Business**

#### **Snow Removal**

Dubai will be placing ad in the Pinconning Journal for bids for 2018/19 snow removal season. Bids will be due for November 12, 2018 meeting. Motion made by Day/Fantozzi. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Dept Credit Card**

Fantozzi advised we can apply for credit card at D's Store (through Marathon) with the credit card being kept at D's. This will allow the Fire Department to not have to pay the 6% sales tax on their fuel purchases. Motion made by Rivard/Day. Motion carried.

#### **Fire Dept Parking Lot**

Dubai requested approval to have the cracks filled in the Fire Dept parking lot. He recently obtained bids at his day job and Tom's Seal Coating (from our township) was by far the cheapest bidder. Dubai asked we approve Tom's to do this at the Fire Dept. Motion made by Dubai/Snyder. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

#### **Auditor**

Snyder advised contract has been received from Berthiaume's and will require a signature.

#### **Brady's Business Systems**

Fantozzi advised this contract was increased approx. \$10 every quarter which is still a good deal as repairs are their responsibility and toner is no charge to the township.

### **Public Comment**

Who is Zoning Administrator – Fantozzi advised Kathryn Riggie. Is she paid for Planning Commission meetings – advised yes if in attendance. It was pointed out that Zoning Administrator does not sit with the commission nor have any vote in the proceedings – she does present information on permits (building, etc) she has processed.

When is Planning Commission opening being filled – Dubay advised when the Wind Turbine ordinance is completed. Discussion held on candidates and qualifications he is looking for.

Absentee ballots – when are these coming out. Fantozzi advised ballots just received at 4:15 today so will be soon.

Why aren't we recording meetings as this is done at other meetings such as the schools. Dubay advised we recorded a long time ago but no longer do. As for he said/she said in the minutes, this will not occur anymore as names will not be used as not everyone gives their name for the clerk to include them.

Cemetery expenses and new accounting system. Why isn't cemetery its own fund etc. Snyder advised each 'fund' costs extra money at the bank and the cemetery does not really generate its own revenue or at least not enough to pay its expenses. It is its own category or account within the General Fund.

Blight (Ordinance 19) parts of which were quoted with the notation that Wind Turbines are a threat to the welfare and quality of life in Garfield Township.

The government needs to look into using burning hemp to generate power as this produces no CO2 and would help reduce climate change.

**Misc Board** none

**Adjournment** Motion made by Dubay/Day to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

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Date