

REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 9, 2020

Garfield Township Hall
1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

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

Public attendance was 5

Roll was taken, James Dubay, Gerald Rivard, Karen Snyder, Leroy Day, and Errin Milkowski present.

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the October 12th Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Money moves - \$100.00 from capital reserve to payroll to give groundskeeper a bonus.
\$7,800 to drains from capital reserve. Motion made by Rivard/Day to approve money moves. Motion carried.

Motion to pay Clerk \$853.48 for election training made by Rivard/Day. Motion carried.

Motion made by Day Rivard to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Northern Bay

Approved health insurance.

Finished Audit

Next year there will be a special meeting to increase pay to Northern Bay. There will be a public hearing if increase is more than 10%.

Beaver Twp and Kawkawlin Twp may be signing contract with NBA.

Planning Commission

Special meeting for 11/10/2020 is cancelled because it was not posted in the paper for public notice. It needs to be rescheduled and Jim will contact Turk to verify.

Fire Dept

OCTOBER RUNS	
Runs – Total	5
Medical	2
Fire	3
Motor Vehicle Fire	
Down Wire <1hr	
Down Wire >1hr	
Motor Vehicle Accident	
Carbon Monoxide	
Brush Fire	
Mutual Aid (Cancelled en Route)	
Well Check	
Cancelled	

2 Mutual aid Structure fire for Pinconning
Fraser FD
1 Mutual aid Structure fire for Billings FD

- Motion to approve \$2,100 total for Christine, Ken, and Dave to go through Fire Academy and approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 for Fire Department supplies list made by Snyder/Rivard. Motion carried.

- Becky will be emailing Errin all bills to ensure bills get to her in a timely manner.
- Chief Brad Hoffman and Assistant Chief Bryan Neumeyer have offered a written apology read by Secretary Rebecca Hoffman for a political message that was put up on the fire department sign without permission. Errin will attach a copy of this letter to the minutes.

Road Commission

Garfield Road from Linwood to Erickson will be having work done next year (2021).

***Land owners Jim Knochel and Daryl Dubay to replace driveways.

Correspondence

None

Public Comment

None

OLD Business

Signs are in for the cemetery and Jim will be putting them in this weekend.

NEW Business

Drain Bill - Motion to pay drain bill over budgeted amount (money move approved earlier tonight) made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

Motion made to amend the budget accordingly for drains made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

Motion for Clerk to make the drain payment tonight made by Rivard/Day. Motion carried.

Township Ordinance – Discussion about sexton pouring foundations.

Discussion to have multiple sextons in case our primary is unable to perform duties.

Jim to check ordinance before next meeting and discussion will continue then.

Pension – Pension plan, Ordinance, and Waiver from Karen will be sent to the attorney for review. Questions about age limits on pensions will also be sent to the attorney.

Tax – Karen would like to change the tax ordinance to accept partial payments for payments with errors so our residents can avoid penalties. She will have it ready by December meeting to present to the board.

Public Comment

None

Misc Board

Thank you Jerry for your service on the Garfield Township Board. You will be missed!

Welcome Paul Niemiec to your new position as Trustee! Paul will be sworn in before the December meeting.

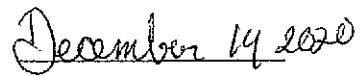
Jim and Errin will be resigning from the Fire Department until they are sworn into Supervisor and Clerk respectively due to legal reasons. They will be back on the department after they are sworn in again.

Adjournment

Motion made by Day/Rivard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42p.m.

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Errin Milkowski, Clerk



Date