

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

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**Monday, January 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Garfield Township Hall**  
**1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634**

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**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-Brad Dubay, Trustee-James Herber were present.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was Thirty-Two.

Minutes from the December 13, 2010 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/James Herber to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer=s report was presented. Motion made by Brad Dubay/Kimberly Day to approve the treasurer=s report. Motion carried.

Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to make the following budget adjustments: Move \$350.00 from Elections to Tax Bills, Maps and Assessment Notices. Move \$100.00 from Office Equipment to Tax Bills, Maps and Assessment Notices. Move \$200.00 from Board of Review to Tax Bills, Maps and Assessment Notices. Move \$100.00 From Cemetery Maintenance to Tax Bills, Maps and Assessment Notices. Motion carried.

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

**Public Comment:** Karen Snyder presented information from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Motion made by Kimberly Day/Brad Dubay to move forward with the Car Show on either June 11, 2011 or June 18, 2011. Motion carried.

Karen Snyder presented information from the Hall Use Committee. The Committee has come up with 374 signatures from township registered voters that would like to see the hall used. (Clerk will go through signatures and make sure they are all registered voters of the township.) Supervisor stated that this can be at NO COST to the

township. Committee can still do research on hall use.

**Old Business:** The Supervisor has made a spread sheet on all the roads that the township is responsible to maintain. Each board member is to drive each one of these roads and rate them. Board members will be doing this when the spring thaw starts.

Supervisor opened the Public Hearing on the ORV Ordinance: Jim Lillo from the Bay County Road Commission presented information to the board. The Road Commission has concerns on the Law Enforcement end of this ordinance. So far they have had no problems with other townships that have this same ordinance. The road commission is not in favor of this ordinance but they are also not totally against it either.

Supervisor read the ordinance: (See attached). Ordinance offered by James Dubay and Seconded by Brad Dubay. Roll call vote: "AYES" James Herber, Kimberly Day, Betty Monsion, Brad Dubay, James Herber. "NAYS" None "ABSTAINED" None. Supervisor declares the ORV Ordinance adopted.

**New Business:** Supervisor read the resolution to hold a special election on the proposed Road Millage (See Attached). Supervisor explained that a township resident will be paying for the entire cost of the special election to be held on May 3, 2011. This election will cost the township zero dollars. Motion made by Brad Dubay/Betty Monsion to approve resolution 2011-1 Road Millage Proposal. Motion carried.

The township board will look into a sound system.

Supervisor has received a letter from the State Tax Commission in reference to the Crump Fox Club Property and the Bay County Conservation and Gun Club Property. Bill Karbowski was supervisor at the time (1987) when these clubs were placed as non-profit organizations and they pay a minimal amount of property taxes on these parcels. Bill Karbowski spoke on this issue and provided more information. The state would like to put a nominal value on these properties. Motion made by James Dubay/Brad Dubay that the Garfield Township Board of Trustee NOT file MCL211.154 petition. Motion carried.

Motion made by James Dubay/James Herber to appoint Mark Satkowiak, Wayne Wackerle, Florence Gotfryd to the Board of Review. Anthony Holstine will be the alternate. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** The next meeting will be February 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Supervisor stated that he has not yet received any resumes for a planning commission member. Clerk asked all planning commission members to read section 5 and 6 before the next meeting.

**Fire Chief:** Motion made by Kimberly Day/Betty Monsion to appoint Steven Schumacher and Anthony Holstine to the captions position. Motion carried. Motion made by Betty Monsion/James Herber to accepts Paul Smith's resumes for Fire Chief for a four year term. Motion carried. For the month of December 2010 there was one mutual aid run and two medical runs. Motion made by James Herber/Bard Dubay to have the clerk purchase a sign for advertising at the fire department. Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous:** Brad Dubay is working on the web-site. It will take sometime to get it up and working full time. The web-site is [www.garfielddtwp.com](http://www.garfielddtwp.com)

Motion made by James Herber/Brad Dubay to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk

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