

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING/ADOPT BUDGET MEETING

Saturday, March 19, 2011, 8:00 A.M.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by James Dubay the Supervisor at 8:10 A.M.

Roll call: Supervisor-James Dubay, Clerk-Kimberly Day, Treasurer-Betty Monsion, Trustee-Brad Dubay were present. Trustee-James Herber was absent.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was Six.

Public Input: Karen Snyder presented the township board with a spread sheet comparing townships and their insurance. She has spoke with Randy Moore from the Owen/Moore Agency on insurance for the non-profit group that would like to hold the event in the township park. Randy said he has never had a non-profit have to have a five million dollar policy. They could not get at five million dollar policy but was able to get a four million dollar policy. The township board needs to look at getting a different agent. The township board needs to look at the insurance with an open mind.

Mrs. Passinault said they have spoke with Sharon at Pinconning Township and there are several agents that are still in the Par-Plan. Need to look into getting a different agent. This is costing the tax payers to much money.

Mrs. Fantozzi commented that the more insurance you carry the more people will sue you for if a lawsuit arises.

Mr. Passinault brought up the FIOA that was talked about at the March meeting.

The supervisor stated that the five million dollar policy came into effect after the accident with the fire truck. Tom Boetefuer was the supervisor at the time.

Supervisor stated this is a budget hearing not insurance meeting.

Joe Boudreau want to know if we were allocating funds for the attorney to look at the Zoning Ordinance.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Kimberly Day to approve The Pinconning Journal as the newspaper of choice. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brad Dubay/Kimberly Day to approve Citizens Bank as the bank of choice. Motion carried.

Motion made by Brad Dubay/Kimberly Day to approve John McQuillan as the township attorney as needed. Motion carried. The township board will be checking into attorney's that are qualified to review Zoning Ordinances.

Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to approve the second Monday of every month at 6:00 P.M. to be the regular meeting day and time. The November meeting will be one week early. November 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Brad Dubay to levy the Tax Rate Increase to the maximum amount allowed. Motion carried.

Township Board reviewed Trash, Fire, and General Fund Budgets.

Supervisor read the General Appropriations Act (Budget) 2011-2012. See Attached.

Motion made by Brad Dubay/Betty Monsion to adopt the 2011-2012 budget with adjustments. Motion carried.

Survey card: Went over questions to put on survey card. Will get to Gary from Republic ASAP.

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Betty Monsion to adjourn at 10:10 A.M. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk
