

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Township Hall
1138 West Erickson Road, Linwood MI 48634

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 fourteen.

Minutes from the April 11, 2011 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Brad Dubay to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion made by James Herber/Brad Dubay to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

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

Public Comment: Karen Snyder talked about Car Show on June 11, 2011. Supervisor said that is on the agenda and we will discuss this.

Joe Boudreau would like to know when the cut off is for the Survey cards. He pays two trash bills and never received a second card. The supervisor will contact Gary at Republic Waste.

Unfinished Business: After discussion on the event taking place in the township park on June 11, 2011. Motion made by James Herber/Brad Dubay to accept a two million dollar policy from the Garfield Park and Rec non-profit group for use of the park on June 11, 2011. This will be a one day event. Motion carried.

Karen Snyder stated that the money raised at the event will be going back into the park.

Motion made by James Dubay/James Herber to have the clerk accept all documents/forms and the \$50.00 rental fee. All documents must be in

place to hold the event on June 11, 2011. Motion carried.

Propane bids are due by June 1, 2011. Letters were sent out to five Propane Company's requesting a bid.

The rate on a chip and seal is \$18,500.00 per mile to reseal. Chloride will be done next month after school is out.

New Business: Supervisor read over a letter received from Consumers Energy on Streetlights. Mercury Vapor Street lighting is being phased out and replaced with high-pressure sodium, metal halide and light-emitting diode. The township has two options to choose from:

Option 1 Do nothing. When mercury vapor bulbs and fixtures burn out or fail, Consumers Energy will replace them at NO cost with the nearest comparable high-pressure sodium light. In many cases, this will result in a lower monthly charge for that location.

Option 2 Arrange a meeting with a Consumers Energy representative using the information at the end of letter. Change the lighting at a cost to the township of \$900.00 to \$1,900.00 per fixture.

Motion made by James Herber/Kimberly Day to have clerk sign agreement accepting Option 1. Motion carried. Roll call: Five "yes" No "Nays"

Supervisor talked about assessing again. He would like to start talking bids for an Assessor. Will be posted in Pinconning Journal.

Originally the Supervisor received a letter from the State Tax Commission on the Crump Fox Club and the Bay County Conservation Club. Last month the township board made a decision that was also recommended by the Township Attorney NOT to have the supervisor complete the paperwork the state was requesting. The township assessor is the person who is to fill out the paperwork. The State Tax Commission sent a letter stating that if the paperwork is not completed and returned they will subpoena the assessor to fill out the paperwork. The Supervisor contacted the attorney who recommended he contact a different attorney because he also represents the Bay County Conservation Club. The assessor will be filling the paperwork out and sending it in.

Currently we have not set a township attorney. We are using John McQuillian on an intern basis. He serves several townships he keeps up on all zoning classes. He normally charges \$200.00 and he charges the Township \$110.00. We also received information from Foster Swift Law firm they charge \$220.00 and would charge the township \$150.00. Foster Swift is the law firm that represented the township in a current lawsuit with a township resident. The townships new zoning ordinance is almost at the stage to be sent off to an attorney for review. We will be checking into this.

The park and recreation committee that the township board formed has

now become a non-profit group. Motion made by Kimberly Day/Betty Monsion to dissolve the Township Park and Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: The next meeting will be June 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. Joe Boudreau stated that it is very hard to work on the Zoning Ordinance when not all members of the Planning Commission attend. We need to do something about this. The clerk mentioned that there is class in Frankenmuth on Wind Energy and Medical Marihuana. Motion made by Brad Dubay/Kimberly Day to send two Planning Commission members to the class. Joe Boudreau and Karen Snyder will be attending. Motion carried.

Fire Chief: The Fire Chief would like to change the cost recovery to \$25.00 per person per hour. Motion made by Brad Dubay/Kimberly Day to change. Motion carried. Do we belong to the Michigan Mutual Aid? The department voted on the return of firefighter Dan Beyersdorf. Motion made by Betty Monsion/James Herber to accept the fire chief's recommendation to reinstate Dan Beyersdorf. Motion carried. Motion made by James Dubay/Brad Dubay to accept Lynsie Sheppard to the fire department upon approval from Fire Chief. Motion carried. Still installing new radios, each person will need eight hours of training on these radios. Nine runs this past month.

Assistant Chief gave FORCE report. They will be doing training with Beaver Fire Department during Crump Days. They took pictures of trucks for fliers and web-site. The Fire Department is checking into having the smoke house at the car show. Some of the men on the fire department will be on a volleyball team at the Silver Derby.

Miscellaneous: The groundskeeper will be filling in some of the low spots at the cemetery.

Everyone has had a chance to review the fee schedule. Motion made by James Herber/Betty Monsion to accept the fee schedule. Motion carried.

DEQ reviewed property at the fire barn you can only cut trees behind the station. Brad has all the information on this.

The clerk received a call from Connie Fontozzie on March 30, 2011 with the request to check into insurance companies, and get quotes from these companies. She already contacted two insurance companies and had the name of a third. She gave me the names and told me there was at 52% saving out there. I contacted the first agent Brett Hurber at Mouthrop-Cliff on 4-5-2011. They currently insurance Fraser Township (the representative is the son of a Fraser Township trustee) he was going to send me some information. Call him again and he still never sent me anything. Contacted Steve Scott at Ieuter Insurance on 4-4-11, he told me they insured fire districts (not even close to being the same as a fire department). He told me that townships are simple risk. I asked him what that meant and he said I would not understand. He e-mailed me requesting information for a quote. On 4-5-11 I spoke

with the owner Cal Ieuter he asked who the township was insured with, and who our agent was. I told him the Par-Plan and Bamberger Insurance. He said that is an excellent company. I told him what the township was paying for insurance and he said that is right in the ball park. Contacted Scott Bryndt at Saginaw Bay Underwrites they do not write insurance for townships. He said we have the best company out there for townships. He also said our agent has a great reputation. We currently have a three year contract with our company. Price guarantee not to go up but price can go down. And the price went down the past four years. As the township clerk it is NOT my sole decision to get insurance quotes, it is a board decision. Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion stay with our current company. Motion carried.

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

Kimberly Day, Clerk
