

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

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**Monday, March 11, 2013, 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-Gerald Rivard and Trustee-Paul Niemiec were all present.

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

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

Minutes from the February 11, 2013 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was presented. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to make the following budget line item adjustments. Move \$501.52 from Road to Assessing, Move \$650.96 from Road to Fees, Dues and Registrations, Move \$4,279.19 from Zoning Enforcer to Insurance, and Move \$135.17 from Zoning Enforcer to Telephone. Motion carried.

Bills presented. See attached. Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to pay the bills. Motion carried.

**Northern Bay Ambulance:** Next meeting is in April.

**Planning Commission:** Paul Niemiec reported that the last Planning Commission meeting was on February 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. At the meeting officers were elected. Lee Deary is the Chairman, Kathleen Niemiec is the Vice Chairman, and Michele Wedding is the Secretary. The Planning Commission Bi-Laws were adopted.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Dan Beyersdorf reported there were 9 Runs, the SCVA masks are on order. Training will be on Portable Meth Labs, and Medical. With the fundraiser money they would like to purchase uniform

shirts with name plates, jackets and flash lights in the amount of \$7,855.00. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to approve the \$7,855.00. Motion carried.

**Guest:** Tom Fouchea has been the Zoning Administrator/Enforcer for Fraser Township for five years. To make this work in Garfield Township he will need to know the Township Board is going to stand behind him. Everything is fair across the board. Tom will fax the Township Board a step by step process for Enforcement.

**Public Comment:** Terry Passinault apposes having an enforcer we don't have the money to use to hire the Zoning Enforcer. It is the Township Boards job to enforce ordinances. The Township Board has already lost a court case and had to pay \$27,000.00 for a blite case they lost. And why are we paying millions of dollar for fire truck insurance, is it because of the one fire truck that went in the ditch?

Kathy Niemiec we need to hire an enforcer this township has a terrible blite case on Carter Road. The Township Board is doing a great job keep up the good work.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** The supervisor received a letter of resignation from Kathy Silvernale from the Planning Commission. Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion to accept Kathy Silvernale's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Kimberly Day to have the Pinconning Journal as the newspaper of choice for Township publications. Motion carried.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to continue banking with Citizens Bank. Betty Monsion explained that Citizens Bank will become First Merrit Bank it will keep the employees that are currently their. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to have the Township Monthly Board Meetings the second Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to have Ronald Richards from Foster Swift law firm as the Township's Attorney. Motion carried.

Supervisor read Ordinance #19 (See Attached.) Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to adopt Ordinance #19. Motion carried.

Supervisor read Resolution 2013-1 (See Attached.) Motion made by Betty Monsion/Kimberly Day to adopt Resolution 2013-1. Roll call: Paul Niemiec "Yes", Gerald Rivard "Yes", Betty Monsion "Yes", Kimberly Day "Yes", James Dubay "Yes". No "Nays" Absent "None".

Supervisor received a resume from Cynthia Killey for the Planning Commission. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to appoint Cynthia Killey to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

The Township Board is looking at setting a date for the Budget Hearing it will be posted in the Pinconning Journal and on the sign out front of the

Township Hall.

The supervisor stated he is still holding office hours on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to adopt the Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Motion carried.

The Township Board is currently accepting bids for Roadside Cutting.

The Township Board will be reviewing the Roads and the Building Better Roads Program at the April 2013 meeting.

**Public Comment:** Terry Passinault why do you want to have an enforcer to answer to the township board when the township board did the enforcing in the past. Why do we have to pay more in taxes we need more money for our roads.

Supervisor stated the township is not responsible for maintaining the roads.

**Miscellaneous:** Betty Monsion would like to know if the Township Board is going to send a letter to Dale Mieske about the outstanding check he has not cashed. The clerk will send a letter.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk

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