

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

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**Monday, April 8, 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 March 11, 2013 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

Minutes from the March 30, 2013 budget hearing meeting were presented. Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.

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

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

**Northern Bay Ambulance:** Gerald Rivard attended meeting, he reported that a new heater was put in the ambulance. Currently each resident pays a special assessment on their taxes for \$20.00 per year for Northern Bay Ambulance service. Northern Bay Ambulance may need to raise that amount to keep the ambulance service. More information will be available at a later date.

**Planning Commission:** Paul Niemiec reported that the last Planning Commission meeting was on March 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting attendance four present, Michele Wedding (Secretary) absent. There will be only one public comment at the meeting. Planning Commission members would like to receive training when available. Zoning Administrator reported four new permits. Next meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

**Fire Department:** Assistant Fire Chief Dan Beyersdorf reported there were 13

Runs. Brad Hoffman was appointed as Training Officer. There will be brush fire training this month.

**Guest:** Brandon Krauss County Commissioner nothing to report.

**Public Comment:** None

**Unfinished Business:** Building Better Roads Program is no available online. The program will be the same for Garfield Township as it has been in the past years.

**New Business:** The supervisor placed an ad in the Pinconning Journal to accept bids for Road Side Cutting. The supervisor opened all sealed bids, they are so follows: KDF Enterprise LLC \$5,880.00 will cover one pass for the first year, for the second and third years a fuel surcharge of up to 10% maybe added. B.I.R. Brush & Tree Removal \$65.00 per mile will cover one pass two sides. Jays Lawn Care \$2,250.00 will cover one pass for one season. Turk's Lawn & Landscaping LLC \$7,420.00 will cover one pass which is 106 miles. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to accept the bid from Jays Lawn Care for Road Side Cutting. Motion carried.

Board of Appeals is a three year appointment the supervisor recommends the following residents to the Board of Appeals: Walter Kotz, Dennis Maida, Kathleen Niemiec (Planning Commission Member). Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to appoint Walter Kotz, Dennis Maida, and Kathleen Niemiec (Planning Commission Member) to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Betty Monsion to participate in the Bay County Road Commission Chloride Program. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to put half of the ditching money towards the purchase of seal blend through the Bay County Road Commission. Motion carried.

There are nine Cemetery plots available in the Garfield Township Cemetery. Motion made by James Dubay/Gerald Rivard to purchase fifty grave makers and have Jerald Dubay mark off the grave plots. Motion carried.

Motion made by James Dubay/Paul Niemiec to purchase the material needed when on sale for Jerald Dubay to put a steel roof the shed/garage where movers are kept. Motion carried.

Jim Lillo from the Bay County Road Commission recommends that each Township submit a five year road plan for their Township. The Township Board agrees that we need to save the roads we have, and put gravel on the roads that need it, no new road construction.

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to send the letter that was prepared by the Township attorney to the Planning Commission Secretary. Motion carried.

The Township attorney has prepared an updated Blight Ordinance which all Board Members have reviewed. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to adopt Ordinance 19 Anti-Blight & Nuisance Ordinance. Motion carried. Roll call vote: Paul Niemiec "yes", Kimberly Day "yes", James Dubay "yes", Betty

Monsion "yes", and Gerald Rivard "yes". No "nays". Supervisor declares Ordinance 19 adopted.

**Public Comment:** None

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk

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