

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 13, 2013, 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 6:05 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 ten.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to approve the meeting agenda.
Motion carried.

Minutes from the April 8, 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.

Bills presented. See attached. Treasurer questioned the Attorney bill; we need to try and get the amount down. Could we try calling MTA more and use more resources before calling the Township Attorney. Motion made by James Dubay/Gerald Rivard to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Northern Bay Ambulance: Gerald Rivard reported no meeting.

Planning Commission: Paul Niemiec reported that the next Planning Commission meeting will be August 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department: Fire Chief Paul Smith reported there were 13 Runs. Becky Hoffman will be completing her firefighter training. The compressor that is used to fill the air tanks is 30 years old. The Fire Department would like approval to purchase a new compressor from Bauer Vertecon Air Systems in the amount of \$35,600.00. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Kimberly Day to purchase new compressor in the amount of \$35,600.00. Motion carried.

Guest: Brandon Krauss County Commissioner.

Public Comment: Dennis Maida stated that this new compressor is a great idea, it is very important to have equipment like this. If you save one life it is worth it.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: It is time for the Bay County Park and Recreation to renew/update their five year plan. We can join for \$150.00 per year for five years. If we were looking to do any improvements to our park; we could get grant assistants and when applying we could use the county population. Brad Krauss County Commissioner commented that when joining this we would also receive the use of county resources and employee's when applying for grants

and help getting started on projects. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to join the Bay County Park and Recreation program for five years. Motion carried.

Supervisor stated the May 9, 2013 Audit went very well it started at 8:00 am and ended at 2:00 pm.

Stanford Gas has submitted a proposal for the 2013-2014 heating season. They are offering to keep the price of propane that same as last heating season \$1.74. Motion made by Betty Monsion/Paul Niemiec to approve the \$1.74 with Stanford Gas for the 2013-2014 heating season. Motion carried.

Tire Drive flyer's will be posted in local businesses and at the hall. Tire Drive will be on May 18, 2013 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Drop off sites are Fraser Township Hall and Bay County Mosquito Control. Please refer to flyer for all the details.

Currently the Road Commission is getting local roads ready for Chloride.

Supervisor explained three Road Commission Agreements with the Township.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Gerald Rivard to accept agreement 5-2013-01 for 1700 tons of 23A Aggregate in the amount of \$29,500.00. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Betty Monsion to accept agreement 5-2013-02 for 90 tons of seal blend at \$62.00 per ton. The cost to the Township will be \$.00 Discretionary Fund Program money will be used for this. Motion carried.

Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Kimberly Day to accept agreement 5-2013-03 to perform a single chip & seal over the existing surface of Anderson to .3 miles North of Kitchen Road (2.3 miles). Total job \$46,000.00 we will be using the \$20,000.00 matching money from the Building Better Road Program. The cost to the Township will be \$26,000.00. Motion carried.

Supervisor stated that the Bay County Road Commission will be fixing the shoulder on Carter Road.

Public Comment: Brandon Krauss County Commissioner informed the Township of the information that has been on mlive about the Bay County Humane Society's proposal for a (NO KILL SHELTER). There has been a large amount of cats and pit bull dogs that have been coming into the shelter. The cost to keep these animals is far exceeding the budget. The Bay County Board of Commissioners is currently working with the Bay County Humane Society to resolve the problem. Brandon stated that his vote will be "No" on a (NO KILL SHELTER), he feels that money should not been taken away from programs for children and adults to fund the shelter. Any questions please contact Brandon to discuss.

The Treasurer asked about the Cost Recovery Ordinance there are issues with this. The supervisor stated that is why he took it off the agenda. There is a lot of information that needs to be looked into before bring this Ordinance to the Board.

Motion made by Betty Monsion/Paul Niemiec to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Kimberly Day, Clerk
