

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 14, 2014, 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-Gerald Rivard and Trustee-Paul Niemiec were all present.

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

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Betty Monsion to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Minutes from the June 10, 2014 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. Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Northern Bay Ambulance: No meeting.

Planning Commission: Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department: No meeting.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Michele Wedding; blight complaint on her property these is no blight. Michele regrets that her and her husband Keith cannot accept the apology given by Supervisor James Dubay. It is completely illegal for board member Paul Niemiec to borrow the township the money to take this blight issue to court. Why would a board member even suggest this? Why does this board continue to bring up old business month after month; never anything new? This is not a personal issue, and her fence is legal and this is not a blight issue.

Jim Lucke is requesting board approval for a fireworks display for Crump Days on August 9, 2014. Motion made by James Dubay/Betty Monsion upon filing and

providing correct paperwork to have the clerk sign the fireworks paperwork.
Motion carried.

Dennis Maida park/cemetery caretaker; dumpster at the township hall was not emptied due to the fact it was overfull and could not be emptied. He had to clean it out there were dead animal carcasses, he tore up his arm on barb wire it is unsanitary and unhealthy. People are abusing the dumpster. Is the township board going to hire someone to be here when they empty the dumpster, so they can clean it out when it is overfull? Supervisor is looking into getting a dumpster policy and also looking into just getting rid of the dumpsters. Reminder the trash company will take the trash right at your home if you put it next to your trash container or if you have large items just call a week before and let them know and they will pick it up.

Keith Wedding does the township board have the authority to dismiss the blight complaint on his property? He has a fence because he is not going to be watched by his neighbors, he would like his grandchildren to be able to swim in his pond without being watched on camera. He spoke with township before he built his fence and it is legal.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Road Commission will be holding a public meeting on Carter Road and Newberg Road, as soon as the township receives the information on meeting date and time we will make sure to get the information out to the residents on Carter and Newberg Road.

Beaver Township Supervisor has contacted James Dubay about Linwood Road. Garfield Township has always resealed Linwood Road (Carter to Flajole) and under an old hand shake agreement between supervisors years ago, Beaver Township was to reseal Linwood Road (Flajole to Bay Mid Line). In 1992-1993 those two miles were chip & sealed and split by Garfield Township and Beaver Township. Beaver Township is looking at \$144,000.00 to chip & seal Linwood Road (Flajole to Bay Mid Line) and would like Garfield Township to split it with them and they will give Garfield Township \$10,000.00 for their half of Linwood Road (Carter to Flajole) for the reseal. Motion made by James Dubay/Kimberly Day to NOT accept a split with Beaver Township on the reseal of Linwood Road (Carter to Flajole). Motion carried.

REMINDER: PRIMARY ELECTION IS AUGUST 5, 2014.

Motion made by James Dubay/Gerald Rivard to send up to two people to the Planning and Zoning Class on July 22 in Frankenmuth. Motion carried.

The township did receive the refund check from Consumers Energy for streetlights the check was in the amount of \$10,484.66.

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to accept the \$10,600.00 bid from Satkowiak & Sons to asphalt the Township Parking lot according to specs on bid. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous from Township Board: Paul Niemiec asked about the trouble with the lawnmower and did someone have the authority to approve to fix it due to James Dubay was out of town. Supervisor stated that the clerk has the authority to approve and Gerald Rivard went to John Deere and overseen the project. Gerald Rivard also stated that we could have asked for a loaner. Betty Monsion stated the lawn looks great, also looks like the mower cuts

better.

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

Kimberly Day, Clerk