

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

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**Monday, July 13, 2015, 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-Brenda Satkowiak, Trustee-Paul Niemiec and Trustee-Gerald Rivard were all present.

The Pledge was said in unison. Public attendance was thirty-nine.

Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Brenda Satkowiak to approve the meeting agenda.  
Motion carried.

Minutes from the June 8, 2015 regular meeting were presented. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard 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 Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to pay the bills. Motion carried.

**Northern Bay Ambulance:** Nothing to report.

**Planning Commission:** Paul Niemiec gave report: Next Planning Commission Meeting will be held on August 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Paul Smith gave report: There were ten runs last month eight medical and two fire. Chief has contacted 911 and gave addresses of all residents that are affected by the closure of the Erickson Road Bridge. Chief will be interviewing a new recruit.

**Public Comment:** Gary Glenn State Representative; there has been studies done for the past seven years on bridges. Currently 163 vehicles crossed the bridge, there are eight homes in Garfield Township that are on the West side of Erickson Road Bridge. Road Commission is working on putting a turnaround in the area of the Erickson Road Bridge. Midland County will NOT be putting up any signs. In January of each year the budget line item is set for bridge and road repair. He will see what he can do. Gary Glenn also sits on the Energy Committee, currently there is a bill for alternative energy to be purchased from a supply of your choice; this is only for Schools, Government.

Other questions that were asked about the Erickson Road Bridge closure, Homeowner Insurance, Ambulance Service, Snowplowing.

Carter Road north of Erickson Road could use dust control. Supervisor stated to make sure everyone turns in their medical slips each year to the Road Commission.

Rick Swinson Townline 16 Road Bay County Road Commission put Chloride on road then graded the road the next day. Logging Trucks are using the road, also Townline 16 is getting a lot of traffic due to Erickson Road bridge closure. Needs dust control.

Bryan Merda questioned the tax levy on the Newberg road blight.

Jim Lucke Crump Day Fireworks paperwork. Motion made by Gerald Rivard/Paul Niemiec to have the clerk sign fireworks permit. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Old Business:** Supervisor stated that Bridge applications are due May 1, the Bay County Road Commission applied in 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2014. In 2014 we were 10<sup>th</sup> on the list. If they received funding in 2016 it would be for 2019. They approve 20% of applications they pay 95% then Bay County Road Commission and Township would pay the 5% balance. Supervisor contacted MLIVE, but it currently will get no coverage.

**New Business:** Received propane bid from Hamilton's Propane \$0.99 for first 1000 Gallon tank fill at Hall and Fire Barn. Then \$1.19 each fill after. Motion made by Paul Niemiec/Gerald Rivard to contract with Hamilton's Propane. Motion carried.

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Gerald Rivard to sign the contract drafted by Township Attorney between Garfield Township and Billy's Contracting for property located at 1459 West Newberg Road (Blight clean up). Motion carried. Roll call: Gerald Rivard "yes", Brenda Satkowiak "yes", James Dubay "yes, Kimberly Day "yes", Paul Niemiec "yes". No "nays".

Motion made by Kimberly Day/Paul Niemiec to have the supervisor send a registered letter to the homeowner at 444 North Nine Mile Road (Shed Violation). Motion carried.

**Miscellaneous from the Board:** None

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

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Kimberly Day, Clerk

**NOTE: JUNE 8, 2015 Referenced Flajole Road Bridge that is incorrect it is Erickson Road Bridge**