

# REGULAR MEETING

Monday February 11, 2019

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

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## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:02 p.m.

Public attendance was 17.

Roll was taken, Gerald Rivard, James Dubay, Leroy Day, Connie Fantozzi and Karen Snyder all present.

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read by Snyder. Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Fantozzi requested \$135 from Park Maintenance and \$135 from Cemetery Maintenance be moved to \$250-Groundskeeper Wages, \$4 to Medicare and \$16 to Social Security (withholding taxes). Also move \$100 from Tax Change to Hall Deposit Refunds. Motion made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dubay/Rivard to the bills Motion carried

### **Northern Bay**

Per Dubay, new bylaws will be coming from NBA for approval. NBA will be finalizing these the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in April after which they will be forwarded to our Board for approval.

### **Planning Commission**

Deary requesting additional meeting on 2-20-19 to finalize attorney changes after which Public Hearing meeting will be held (tentative 3-19-19 at the Fox Club). Motion made by Dubay/Rivard to add 2-20-19 meeting. Motion carried.

Recreational marijuana will most likely have to be handled soon but it appears that it might be able to be handled via a resolution as opposed to an ordinance. Deary and others are still researching this issue.

### **Fire Dept**

Report from

8 runs for the past month

5 medical

3 fire (1 mutual aid to Fraser & 1 to Mt Forest)

first aid

well being check

Wires down (less than 1 hour)

Personal injury

5 pagers sent to Anderson Radio for repairs

Josh Vennix resigned from Fire Dept. Motion made by Rivard/Day to accept his resignation. Motion carried. Fantozzi requested updated Fire Dept roster for insurances.

### **Road Commission**

**Correspondence** none

Annette Glenn spoke on Erickson Road bridge and that she is working on several different angles to get us some help on this.

She also spoke about 'dark' money Consumers Energy contributed to election coffers this past year and then received a rate increase just before the recent fire that required them to have people reduce their energy usage during the storm so they could continue to meet demand. Snyder asked if Consumers has to report cause/result/problem resolution to the State. Glenn advised this would be forthcoming probably around July.

**Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update** nothing

### **Public Comment**

Rodgers Road – residents attended 1-16-19 Road Commission meeting and were told their issues are the fault of Garfield Township. They would like something done.

It was also pointed out that Midland County seems able to use tubes (metal culverts) in the same river watershed so why can't Garfield/Bay County.

Planning Commission appointment – Dubai advised he will be recommending an appointment soon – possibly March meeting. Interested parties should submit their resumes.

## **OLD Business**

### **Website Maintenance**

Review done of quote received from current website manager. 4 possible courses of action:

- Take down website

- Continue as is with the understanding that immediate results will not be Possible

- Hire someone new and start over building a website

- Have current administrator make all necessary changes to allow township Personnel maintain the website (after moving the website to the Charter domain currently available to us and training township Personnel in maintenance)

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to have current administrator move the website to Charter, alter current programming to allow township personnel to update, and train township personnel in the maintenance procedures. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

## **NEW Business**

FOIA changes – tabled to March 2019 meeting awaiting new FOIA documents for website from attorney (cost of \$250).

Wind Moratorium extension – Dubai read the moratorium extension aloud. Motion made by Day/Rivard to approve. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Day-yes; Fantozzi-yes and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

## **Public Comment**

Questions regarding payments made mainly township officials and why the difference in net pay amounts (due to withholding). Also, why no Charter at Fire Dept (does not go that far yet) and what software does the township have with BS&A (Payroll, Accounts Payable, General Ledger, Tax and Assessing – Payroll, Accounts Payable and General Ledger were

recent additions in 2018. Each software is billed annually on the anniversary of its original purchase). IT Right is the server company which holds all township files stored there and maintains backup of same.

**Misc Board**

**Adjournment** Motion made by Dubay/Day to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

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Date