

REGULAR MEETING

Monday May 13, 2019

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by the Supervisor, James Dubay, at 6:05p.m.

Public attendance was 28.

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 Day/Rivard to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the April 8, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Motion made by Dubay/Day to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Northern Bay

Motion made by Snyder/Day to have Dubay and Fantozzi sign the amended NBA agreement. Motion carried.

Mr Gibson from NBA spoke on Memorial Day function the NBA is hosting from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Memorial Day at Pinconning City Hall. He issued an invitation for all to attend – this is an NBA event.

Planning Commission

Day advised Planning Commission is working on oil wells and solar systems next.

Fire Dept Report from Becky Hoffman

11 runs for the past month

- 7 medical (1 mutual aid to Gibson)
- 2 fire (mutual aid to Mt Forest on both)
- first aid
- well being check
- 1 Wires down (less than 1 hour)
- 1 Personal injury (car accident)
- Carbon monoxide alarm
- Cancelled
- Brush fire

Becky presented new bylaws for the Fire Department for Board approval/signature. Motion made by Day/Snyder. Motion carried.

Tanker tank that has been welded now has valve leaking internally. Neumeyer is obtaining prices on new tank/material versus repair.

Fire Dept has 2 high school students shadowing the Fire Dept for the rest of the school year. In addition, a new probationary person interested in the Fire Dept. Application will be presented at next Board meeting.

Road Commission

Dubay is in contact with 3 private contractors to obtain quotes for ditching in the township. Roads are Flajole (Anderson to Linwood); Rogers; and Kitchen (Carter to Flajole).

Discussion on chloride treatment. Motion made by Day/Rivard to advise Road Commission of Garfield Township participation in the chloride program for up to 2 treatments if needed for summer 2019. Dubay will contact Road Commission. Motion carried.

Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to authorize 3rd chip/seal coat on Carter (Newberg to Erickson) and 3rd chip/seal on 8 Mile (Newberg to Townline 16). Motion carried. Dubay to advised Road Commission to also apply BBLR match to these costs.

Discussion on Carter and Newberg roads – potholes even after recent grading. Dubay to request maintenance gravel from Road Commission. Resident also presented Dubay with petition from Carter Road residents (Newberg to Townline 16) requesting their road be re-chipped/sealed. Resident advised that this road along with 2 miles of Newberg are on the list and money allowing will be done in the future.

Correspondence Dubay advised letter received from DTE giving their opinion on our wind ordinance being too restrictive.

Grant Writer for Roads/Bridges – update nothing

Public Comment

Resident offered thank you to June Wilson for her work in organizing the 5-4-19 cleanup at the township cemetery. June had also sent a list of people to thank for their help: Leaders: Ken Hite, Jamey Dybas, John Edwards, Greg Jacobs, and Jody Bissonette. Linwood Boy Scouts: Logan Taylor, Beanett Davis, Wyatt Edwards, Garrett Edwards, Mitch Neumeyer, Josh Dybas, and Byron Cloutier. Additionally, Rick Satkowiak for equipment, Jim Dubay and the Garfield Twp Fire Dept. Asst Chief Bryan Neumeyer also provided snacks for the crew. It was noted to cite the 1st Saturday in May 2020 for cemetery cleanup.

American Legion will be contacting the township for placement of a flag pole and flag at the cemetery. They will be donating this.

Resident offered a thank you to the Planning Commission for their hard work this past year.

Meeting attendee read a letter from Eric Kuch/Kawkawlin Twp thanking Garfield Twp for passing the Wind Ordinance as written. Letter read on his behalf due to his inability to attend. Attendee also read her own letter requesting Garfield Twp pass the ordinance as written.

Resident requested the newsletter contain information on why a road millage is needed in our township and asked to get this on the ballot for November. Dubay pointed out Garfield Twp does not have an election this year.

OLD Business

NEW Business

Wind Ordinance

Discussion held regarding complaints coming to the Township Board – Dubay stated he would handle these complaints. Motion made by Day/Rivard to accept ordinance as written. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-no; and Dubay-yes. Motion carried. Dubay will finalize publication details with the Pinconning Journal for this week.

Township Fees

Tabled until June 2019 meeting (Planning Commission is also addressing these at their 5-14-19 meeting).

Marijuana

Dubay reviewed 11-2018 vote on this issue and that we have a resolution/ordinance to disallow marijuana establishments in Garfield Township. Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Day-yes; Fantozzi-yes; and Dubay-yes. Motion carried. Dubay will finalize publication details with the Pinconning Journal for this week.

Public Comment

Misc Board

ALICE program from the Bay County Sheriff's office (violence handling/action strategies) will be held on 5-21-2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Bangor Twp. Hall and 5-28-2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Kawkawlin Twp. Hall. Public invited to attend. Those wishing copy of the pamphlet asked to see Dubay after the meeting.

Dubay spoke on dumpster issues and advised due to overfilling, we needed our 3rd dumpster this past week to allow Republic to pick up the dumpsters. He advised there would be no fall cleanup dumpster in Sept. 2019.

Dubay had a meeting with the Census Bureau regarding the upcoming Census in 2020. They are looking for Census volunteers (\$16-30/hour). Those interested should contact Dubay.

Snyder presented a revised Investment policy to change the name from Citizens Bank and also remove extraneous non-applicable investment vehicles from our policy. Motion made by Rivard/Day. Motion carried.

Cemetery gravel – order from same provider as last year – double order at 50 tons. Fantozzi will make the calls.

Adjournment Motion made by to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Connie Fantozi, Clerk

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