

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2020

Garfield Township Hall

1138 W Erickson Road, Linwood, MI 48634

MINUTES

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

Public attendance was 11.

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

The Pledge was said in unison.

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

Motion made by Day/Rivard approve the December 7, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to approve the December 13, 2019 Special Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

Fantozzi requested to move \$200 from Hall Maintenance to Treasurer Tax Bills.

Move \$300 from Cemetery Maintenance to Sexton

Move \$50 from Retirement to Life Insurance Motion made by Day/Rivard. Motion carried.

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

Northern Bay

No meeting this month

Planning Commission

Next meeting March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Fire Dept Report by Asst Chief Bryan Neumeyer

14 runs for the past month

13 medical

fire (mutual aid received from Beaver)

first aid

well being check

Wires down (less than 1 hour)

1 Personal injury (car accident)

Carbon monoxide alarm

Cancelled

Brush fire

mutual aids cancelled in route

132 runs for 2019

2 Operating policies for approval presented by Asst Chief Bryan Neumeyer – Pay On Call Firefighter/Medical First Responder and Annual Minimum Run Attendance Firefighter/Medical First Responder. Neumeyer read both policies. Slight adjustment made to item 2 on Pay On Call policy to include phrase '**and approved by Garfield Township Board**' to be added to end of item. Motion made by Snyder/Rivard to accept the new policies with addition noted above. Motion carried.

Fire Dept thanked Fantozzi for catching duplicate submitted bills prior to payment and thus avoiding overpayments.

Road Commission

Dubay advised \$15,000 Road Commission has had for some time for our township will be spent on tree removal on Rogers Road and hopefully some ditching. Road Commission has agreed to then come in with some spot gravel.

Correspondence

Letter from Kathy Niemeic read by Dubay resigning from Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard to accept resignation. Motion carried.

Dubay announced there is now an opening on both boards and any interested parties should contact a township official.

Public Comment

Annette Glenn spoke on road money status of governor's desired 45 cent increase to gas tax and other issues with identifying 'leftover' money in the state budget that hopefully can be earmarked for roads.

Thanks were stated to the Fire Dept for their work on a house fire on Garfield Road in October which saved the home. Homeowners expect to be back in their home soon.

Question asked if there is another entity called Northern Bay (other than the ambulance service) and Dubai advised there is a charitable organization that is called Northern Bay Fund or something close which has nothing to do with the ambulance company.

Question asked regarding height of stack on outside wood burners and what our requirements are. Dubai advised that this is an issue for Al Thompson and offered to provide phone number to resident after the meeting.

OLD Business

none

NEW Business

Poverty Exemption Resolution 2020-1

Dubai reviewed the resolution (as of last year assessor has requested that this be done by resolution rather than line item in meeting). Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to accept resolution. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Waiver of Penalty & Interest on Property Transfer Affidavits Resolution 2020-2

Dubai reviewed the resolution (as of last year assessor has requested that this be done by resolution rather than line item in meeting). Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to accept resolution. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Charitable Property Tax Exemption 2020-3

Dubai reviewed the resolution (as of last year assessor has requested that this be done by resolution rather than line item in meeting). Motion made by Fantozzi/Day to accept resolution. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; Day-yes; and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Board Wages

Board and other township wages were discussed and determination was made to keep them the same. Motion made by Fantozzi/Day. Roll call vote: Rivard-yes; Day-yes; Snyder-yes; Fantozzi-yes; and Dubai-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Question raised as to why Treasurer was not available on Saturday to collect taxes. After discussion, it was determined that the Saturday in question was 12-28-19. Snyder acknowledged that her tax bills stated she would be available that day but that she had taken the week of Christmas off.

Misc Board

Dubay requested approval to send 3 Board of Review members to NEMAA training in West Branch at a total cost of \$75.00 (substantial savings over MTA classes). All 3 will ride together to save on mileage costs. Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard. Motion carried

Chris Grappin parcel #050-032-411-015-03 Resident does not live there and would like trash taken off. Motion made by Snyder/Rivard. Motion carried.

Dubay advised that within the next year we will have to address Assessor's pay. He will obtain information on pay rates for assessor's in other similar size townships for comparison.

Adjournment

Motion made by Fantozzi/Rivard adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Connie Fantozzi, Clerk

Date