Town of Garfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin : Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Garfield Town Board Wednesday, August 12, 2009 - 6:30 p.m. Garfield Town Hall

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield was called to order by Chairman Steve Dickinsen, at 6:35 p.m., on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the Garfield Town Hall. Full board present. Meeting notice verified.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the July 8, 2009 fence viewing committee meeting. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl to approve minutes. Motion carried. Clerk then read the minutes of the regular meeting of the town board which immediately followed the fence viewing meeting. Motion by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson, to approve minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for July, 2009 was given by Lori Prudlick. (NOTE: State shared revenue funds of \$5,800 were deposited in July.) Motion by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson, to accept report. Motion carried. Reconciliation report presented — motion to adopt by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

Treasurer brought up that there are a few small outstanding checks from several months ago. Our checks have statement printed on them that they are void after 90 days. Motion to void any outstanding checks over 90 days old made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve payment of same. Motion carried.

HALL/SHOP: Mr. Raivo Balciunas of Ayers and Associates was present to discuss possibility of building new hall/shop or remodeling current buildings for handicapped access. Building grants, stimulus funding, and very low interest loans could be explored. Energy grants and emergency services grants are available. Fees apply for most grants. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to go ahead on prospecting a new shop/hall facility. Motion carried. Ayers representatives will be present at the September meeting to discuss further plans. Dickinsen to contact Carl Peterson to be at the September meeting to discuss purchase of land behind town hall.

Census — Authorization for the adoption of complete county committee to assist census bureau for the upcoming census. The Census has sent a survey asking if we have one or more outdoor areas for homeless people. We have no areas and will respond accordingly. Population estimate for 2009 is 659.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter regarding the recent fence issue has been received from Diana Wolf, and was read by Chairman Dickinsen. Letter explained she needs an extension of time until September 8, 2009 to complete her portion of fence due to oak wilt, etc. Flanagans have agreed to wait until August 22, 2009. Motion to extend time to construct fence to August 22, 2009 made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

RECYCLING: Our garbage pickup fees have gone up due to a huge increase in tipping fees at landfills recently. These fees are going to the state, and are not being used for landfill expenses, according to a letter received from Tri-State Sanitation, our current garbage pickup service. LP PREPAY: Hixton-Fairchild Farmers Union Coop has sent their annual pre-pay fuel letter with terms. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl to prepay 1,400 gallons of LP fuel at a price to be negotiated by Lamoine Hanson, wherever he can get the best price, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried. (Clerk's note: Pre-pay price of \$1.20 has been obtained from Hixton-Fairchild Farmers Union Coop, and check and form have been sent to them paying for 1,400 gallons.)

INSURANCE: Our trade-in on the new tractor has now been removed from the insurance policy, retroactively.

ROADS: Motion to have Scott Construction crackseal and do blacktop, not to exceed \$20,000 made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried — meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ardy Robertson, Clerk