

# Town of Garfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin : Meeting Minutes

## February 4, 2009 Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting of the  
Garfield Town Board  
Wednesday, February 4, 2009  
6:00 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 6:05 p.m., on Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at the Garfield Town Hall. Full board present. Meeting notice verified.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the January 7, 2009 Caucus. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to approve Caucus minutes. Motion carried. Clerk then read the minutes of the regular meeting of the same date. Motion by Bob Rindahl, seconded by Lamoine Hanson, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for January, 2009 was given by Lori Prudlick. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to accept report as presented. Motion carried.

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

TRACTOR/MOWER/LOADER: Randy Miller of St. Joseph's Equipment was present and board discussed with him the possible purchase of a tractor/mower/loader combination. The board has actually been researching this purchase for over two years, viewing equipment owned by other townships, and discussing with various implement dealers the pros and cons of different types of mower and loader configurations. This is a purchase that does not have to be put out on bids, but rather the purchase is to be in the best interest of the township, so instead of the bidding process, the board asked three dealerships to provide a quote on the requested equipment. Al Urness of Diamond Mowers, Dale Fremstad of Value Implement, and Randy Miller of St. Joseph's Equipment all were asked for a quote. Since Diamond Mowers usually put their equipment on John Deere tractors, and the board did not seek a John Deere for this purpose, Diamond Mowers went together with Value Implement in a combination quote. St. Joseph's provided a second quote. The board asked for a quote on a 94 hp. Tractor – New Holland 6 cylinder T6030 – 4 wheel drive with boom mower, flail for grass cutting, and brush cutter head, with couplers, etc. Tractor is to have a cab. After trade-in allowance, the quotes were as follows:

Value Implement = \$98,062.00  
St. Joseph's Equipment = \$92,300.00

Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to purchase the tractor/mower/loader equipment from St. Joseph's Equipment at the \$92,300.00 cost. Motion carried, and Mr. Miller wrote up the sale contract. He explained that, while the board may want to get bank or credit union financing, they do have a five-year municipal lease-purchase agreement through St. Joseph's whereby the first year's payment is the trade-in, and then there would be four yearly payments of \$25,791.58 which works out to an interest rate of 5.2%.

Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12, 2009 at 6 p.m. to decide if we will borrow the money to purchase the tractor/mower/loader, or finance the purchase in some other way. The regular March meeting will immediately follow the special meeting. (CLERK'S NOTE: Due to a scheduling conflict, this Special Meeting was later been changed to Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6 p.m. with the

Regular Meeting to follow.)

**ROADS:** Matt Gundry was present to discuss Trip road projects. Discussion on the Bluff View Road project. Gundry reported that the survey has been completed, and discussion centered on the drainage problems. He will return to the board in April with finalized plans for Bluff View Road.

**POTTER MOBILE HOME:** Lamoine Hanson will call and remind Mr. Potter that now would be a good time to begin burning.

**LAND USE PLANNING COMMITTEE:** Discussed progress on the Land Use Committee. Steve Dickinsen explained that rather than a Land Use Committee, we must pass an Ordinance to appoint a Land Use Commission. This commission will report to the board. Dave Gran will review the draft of the Ordinance and report back next month.

**WEBSITE:** Clerk reported website is making progress. Minutes, notices, agendas, township personnel, and ordinances are on the site. We will also begin using the URL as part of our published notices. URL is [www.townofgarfieldwi.com](http://www.townofgarfieldwi.com)

**WTA MEETING:** The district meetings of the Wisconsin Towns Association will be held in February and March. Board members are planning to attend the meeting in Eau Claire on Friday, March 6, 2009 beginning at 8 a.m.

**LAND TRANSFER:** Marv Hong was present, and is exploring the possibility of providing an easement to his neighbor rather than completing the legal description for the driveway. Matter tabled until he looks into this.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.  
/s/ Ardy Robertson, Clerk