

Town of Garfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin : Meeting Minutes

November 11, 2009 Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting of the Garfield Town Board
Wednesday, November 11, 2009 – following Budget Meeting
Garfield Town Hall

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield was called to order by Chairman Steve Dickinsen, at 6:45 p.m., on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at the Garfield Town Hall. Full board present. Meeting notice verified.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the October 14, 2009 regular meeting of the town board. Motion by Bob Rindahl, seconded by Lamoine Hanson, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for October, 2009 was given by Lori Prudlick. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to accept report. Motion carried. Reconciliation report presented – motion to adopt by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S NOTE: Lori Prudlick reported that United Bank had been having problems with their computer system upgrade, and that they had mistakenly linked her personal checking account and social security number to the town's checking account. She brought this to the attention of bank personnel and they immediately closed online access to both accounts to fix the problem. Also due to this changeover at the bank, statements will be distributed by the bank at an earlier date each month. This has caused one check and two electronic fund transfers (EFT) to clear the bank much earlier, so the town's October register report will need to be adjusted to include these three debits, and thus match the bank's statement. The reconciliation report includes these three debits at this time, because they are no longer outstanding.

Bills were presented for payment. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve payment of same. Motion carried. Clerk was instructed to send letter and bill to residents along Spruce Lane, to pay for their recently placed signs.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kris Hanson of Trails' End has notified the board that Tuesday, December 8th is the date he has open for the town's Christmas dinner. This date seemed to work out with those present. Clerk was instructed to invite attendees, and contact Kris Hanson with time and count.

CENSUS 2010: Materials have been received for the 2010 Census which will be conducted soon. Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to pass Resolution promoting cooperation with the Census. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Since clerk is working on the budget, and is planning to set up new computer system to manage budgeting process, budget was discussed but the actual decision-making process will take place at the December, 2009 meeting.

BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT: 1991 orange town truck was in for repairs recently at Northland Diesel. The box was fixed, and new batteries were installed. Rod Davy has been helping Don with some welding projects at the town shop, and this is working out well.

RECYCLING: Ruth Brasda, recycling attendant, and Ardy Robertson have been working together to promote more recycling and less garbage. Brasda created a couple of brochures which are available at the center – "What to Recycle, and How to Prepare Items for Recycling. A

notice, as well as the brochures have been placed on the town's website " www.townofgarfieldwi.com " this website will be promoted as much as possible in the future, and the brochures will be placed in the upcoming tax statements.

SMART GROWTH: Next meeting is November 30th at Whispering Pines at 7 p.m.

FIRE BOARD: Lamoine Hanson reported there are funds available whereby the town can collect up to \$200 when a fire occurs along a county road. Also it was adopted at the recent fire board meeting that the fire department secretary will do the billing for state and county road fires. It had also been discussed that townships will receive a briefing on the fire with complete addresses to bill responsible parties. In the case when a bill is uncollected by the town, the fire department will take on the responsibility for collecting these bills.

LAND PURCHASE: Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to authorize Dickinsen to draw up an Offer to Purchase for the Carl Peterson land.

NEXT MEETING: Proposed 2010 Summary Budget meeting will be held Wednesday, December 9th, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow.

SNOWPLOW CONTRACT: Blank snowplow contract form has been placed on town website. Several contracts have been returned, and list was prepared by clerk for snow plow drivers. This is periodically updated.

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

/s/ Ardy Robertson, Clerk