

Town of Garfield, Jackson County, Wisconsin : Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2008 Budget Meeting

Budget Meeting of the
Garfield Town Board
Thursday, November 13, 2008 — 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Town Hall

The 2009 budget meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield was called to order by Chairman Steve Dickinsen, at 6:05 p.m. Thursday, November 13, 2008 at the Garfield Town Hall.

Town board salaries were discussed, as well as the highway levy. Board salaries have a formula based on miles of roads within the township, the equalized valuation, and the current population. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to leave method for determining current board salaries the same as it has been, based on the population/equalized valuation/road miles formula. Motion carried.

Discussion on per diem payments for out of town meetings. In view of most of the elected officials having to take time off work, in addition to traveling to such meetings, it was felt some type of per diem payment would be fair. Comparisons were done with neighboring townships. Motion by Dave Gran and seconded by Marv Hong to pay \$50 for a meeting held outside of the township, lasting four hours or less; and \$75 for a meeting outside the township lasting over four hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion also centered on per diem for the Smart Growth Land Use Committee members who need to attend meetings, and it was felt that \$25 per meeting is commonplace for this type of meeting. Motion made by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to pay a per diem of \$25 for meetings associated with the Smart Growth Land Use Planning Committee. Motion carried.

Income was discussed, since expenses are rising, however it was noted we can only raise property taxes by 2% which would increase our levy from \$100,000 to \$102,000 for 2009. Lamoine Hanson made a motion to raise the levy by the 2% permitted by the current state administration. Bob Rindahl second, and motion carried. Levy set at \$102,000.

Line by line, the income and expense categories were examined, counting in expected revenue for 2009. Motion by Lamoine Hanson to adopt the budget of \$216,000. Bob Rindahl seconded. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Marv Hong, seconded by Dave Gran. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.
Ardy Robertson, Clerk