

August 11, 2010 **Regular Meeting**

Regular Meeting of Garfield Town Board
Wednesday, August 11, 2010 – 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 6:55 p.m. Full board present. Meeting notice verified.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the July 13, 2010 meeting. Motion by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Bob Rindahl, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for July, 2010 was read by Lori Prudlick. Motion by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson, to accept report as given. Motion carried. Reconciliation report presented – motion to adopt by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Bills were presented for payment. Hanson asked for clarification on the Tri-City Sanitation statement, questioning the dates which included three successive dates for rolloff replacement. Board also questioned the Larson Excavation statement because it exceeded the amount of the proposal given for the work by about \$200. Chairman Dickinsen phoned Lavern Larson to discuss and after reviewing proposal and discussing with Larson, the board was satisfied that the excess cost was justified because more material had to be placed around the culvert than originally planned and this possibility was noted in the original proposal. Clerk instructed to hold the Tri-City statement until Hanson verifies the dates. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve payment of bills, with notations above. Motion carried.

WTA MEETING: The Wisconsin Towns Association will be holding their budget meetings this fall. The session in Eau Claire is on September 23rd. We will be registering for this. Registration will be sent in by clerk. The board also feels that the clerk and treasurer should attend the WTA state conference to be held in La Crosse October 3-6. Clerk and treasurer will register for that as well.

LAND PURCHASE: Offer to purchase land has now been signed by Carl Peterson, and surveyor is scheduled to provide legal description and corner marking. This will be in the near future.

PLAN COMMISSION: Public notices for the Public Hearing which will be held

on Tuesday, September 7th, at 6:30 p.m. have been legally posted. Following the public hearing, the town's Plan Commission will meet at the town hall to discuss residents' wishes regarding the plan. Board action on the requested Ordinance will be taken up at the October regular meeting, to allow for a period of discussion and decision making on this plan. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to have clerk put a good-sized ad in the Ad-Deluxe regarding the public hearing rather than the previously-planned letter to each township resident. Clerk to take care of this. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to rescind Land Plan Commission Resolution which had been incorrectly passed at the July, 2010 meeting. This resolution will be up for discussion at the Public Hearing on September 7, 2010. Motion carried.

ROADS: BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) has road improvement project grant money available. A representative of the BIA had scheduled a visit to the August meeting but did not attend. Chairman Dickinsen will call him regarding the grant. K&M Excavation submitted an emergency-basis proposal for a culvert which was washed out in last week's rainstorm. The proposal was for \$1,235 and the work has already been completed. Motion to approve the proposal made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, and motion carried. Hanson reported that he has checked local roads and found several washed out areas due to the heavy rains we have experienced recently. It is felt we need to accomplish a lot of repair work, and spraying of tall grass, and this should be done before school buses travel the roads. This is further complicated due to the medical leave of Don Brasda, road patrolman. We will check into other grader operators for short term work. It was also mentioned that Town of Cleveland has filed for a grant for gravel and work time due to the washed out roads. Dickinsen will check for availability with John Ross, Jackson County Emergency Government Director. Karen Thayer was present at the meeting and reported she had heard there were funds available for road repair as well.

FIRE BOARD: Discussion centered on checking on ways to fund building project. Discussion on billing of fire bills caused by accidents. Hanson will check into this.

LP PREPAY: We received the LP prepay information from the Hixton-Fairchiled Farmers Union. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve pre-payment of the same amount as last year. Motion carried. Clerk to send in.

INSURANCE: We received a notice that medical pay costs have caused an increase of insurance premiums of \$150. We were advised by our insurance agent that this amounts to a duplication of coverage and it would be in our best interest to reject this. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to

reject. Clerk authorized to sign rejection form and send in. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS: Application received from Rodney and Louise Rueth. Motion to approve application made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried. \$25 fee paid.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES: Discussion on job description and work policies of patrolman position. Dickinsen passed out copies of the draft copy he has written, and went through the policy line by line, explaining each item to clarify. This will be finalized at the September meeting. Copies of the new time sheet were passed out and explained.

LICENSES: Application received for a Temporary Class B Retailers' (Picnic) License from the Osseo Craig S. Olson VFW Post 8514 who will be co-sponsoring a race event at the Cory Ruppelt property on Saturday, August 21. Motion to approve license upon payment of \$10 fee and return of signed form made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING: September meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ardy Robertson, Clerk