



December 9, 2014 Regular Meeting - Town of Garfield

Town of Garfield Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, December 9, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Dickinsen called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield to order on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 6:35 p.m. in the town hall on Hillcrest Road. Full board present, including Chairman Steve Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson and Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson. Meeting notice verified. Also in attendance were Don Brasda, Dianne Richardson, Raivo Balciunas, Jackie Rindahl, and Alice Glavin.

Ardy Robertson presented a copy of the minutes of the November 11th budget hearing, and special meeting of the electors to adopt the town levy of the same date, which Chairman Dickinsen summarized. Robertson also read the minutes of the November 11th regular meeting as well as the special meeting minutes of November 24th, 2014. Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for November was presented by Treasurer Clark Walker. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Report presented by Clerk and Treasurer. Motion to approve reconciliation report made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad. Motion carried.

Year to date financial report presented by clerk. Chairman and Clerk will meet regarding setting up the 2015 YTD financial report.

Bills were presented for payment. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Results of the County Zoning Board were received for the Daniel Yoder property. He was granted an animal siting license as well as a variance to house animals in the existing building, with restrictions as to the number of animal units he can maintain.

Town Map – Dickinsen has discussed with April Schoolcraft, the county land

information specialist, getting a map for Garfield listing all the correct E911 numbers. The Board will do a drive-around in the town to be sure the numbers are correct before we get the large laminated map. Supervisor Hanson had previously worked on this project so it should just be a matter of verifying the existing E911 address signs.

Roads – we have taken delivery on a large amount of salt sand now and it is in our new salt sand storage shed.

The Board is looking at replacing the yellow 1986 Ford dump truck. Hanson and Fremstad have tentatively found a replacement vehicle – a 2001 International 4-wheel drive dumptruck with 41,600 miles on it. Motion to proceed with the purchase of this truck if we can arrange financing for the purchase. Motion seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Dickinsen to contact the seller to make arrangements for the purchase.

Employee work hours will be limited to snow plowing again in the coming month.

Implements of Husbandry – our town has a choice of six options for dealing with the agricultural IOH law. Option A through F range from doing nothing to being very restrictive with permitting ag equipment, as far as their gross vehicle weight restrictions. Hanson made a motion to adopt option F, and to appoint Steve Dickinsen as the person to handle the permitting process. Fremstad seconded the motion and it carried. Clerk to notify the DOT of our IOH option selection.

Plan Commission members: Motion to re-appoint existing seven members to the 2015 Plan Commission made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Dickinsen reappointed the seven current members, including Alice Glavin, Doug Richter, Jackie Rindahl, Karl Schearer, Susan Fox, Linda Fremstad, and Raivo Balciunas. Commission will elect their own chair and vice-chair at an upcoming meeting of the commission.

Election – Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to purchase another HP-8610 printer to use at the hall. Motion carried. Clerk to proceed with printer purchase. At the request of the clerk and election inspectors, Chairman Dickinsen will speak to the O-F Superintendent about the possibility of having a student election inspector. Those in attendance felt this would not only be a help to the election workers, but would also possibly spark student interest in the local government processes.

Osseo Rural Fire Board – a new fire truck has been purchased according to

the plan which has been in place for some time. A new building is a possibility in the future.

Town of Garfield Christmas party will be held Monday, January 12, 2015 at Whispering Pines with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. All town residents are welcome to attend. Please RSVP Ardy at 715-533-0661 so we have a count for food planning. Everyone pays for their own meal except the town's hourly employees.

Next Meeting – will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Meeting adjourned.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk