



March 21, 2012 **Regular Meeting**

Regular Meeting of the Garfield Town Board
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
Immediately following Plan Commission Meeting
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the board meeting to order at 7:20 p.m., full board present and meeting notice verified.

Attorney Mark Skolos was present and discussion was held on setting up the ordinance for licensure of non-metallic mining. Lamoine Hanson made a motion to have Atty. Skolos draft an ordinance specific to our township. Bob Rindahl seconded the motion and it carried. Note: Skolos will begin with an existing ordinance and merely make changes to fit our township in order to keep the legal fees to around two hours or less.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the February 8, 2012 regular meeting. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried. (Note: meeting date originally scheduled for March 14th was changed to March 21st to accommodate the Plan Commission.)

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for February, 2012 was read by Lori Prudlick. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Report: Motion to approve reconciliation report made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

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

Correspondence: Command Central sent us an expiration notice for one of our two voting machines. Clerk to fill it out for renewal.

Roads: Hillcrest has some broken up areas and we are getting quotes on repair. Sperber Road also has some breakup, and to fix it will cost around \$25,000. This would include mesh, gravel, and double seal. Old 17 would cost around \$42,000 for double seal and \$94,000 if we did cold mix. We were sent a notice by the county surveyor saying if we do any road work, they need to be notified due to markers in various roads.

Fire Board – building has a leak in the roof. The department is looking for permission to go ahead and get it repaired. Dickinsen made a motion and Hanson seconded to state that our position is to go ahead and get it repaired. Motion carried.

Election law: Motion to pass an ordinance to extend our town officer terms in 2013 for one week due to a possible gap in terms made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried – ordinance No. 2012-01 passed. Terms will expire on the third Tuesday in April, 2013.

Overpayment of taxes: At the present time, we are obligated to refund any and all amounts of overpayments. When this is very small (under \$5 for instance), it becomes a burden to the township to make out a check and send to the taxpayer. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to adopt an ordinance (#2012-03) that the town will not return overpayments of less than \$5. Motion carried.

Sign Policy: The town has had to adopt a sign policy, and it basically says we will repair any damaged sign as soon as practical. Motion to adopt policy made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried. The policy is on file in the clerk's office.

Building Permit: Motion to approve building permit application of Karl and Jennifer Schearer made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

Next meeting – will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. The town's annual meeting needs to be on or before the second Tuesday of April, or within 10 days, so we will hold it following the plan commission meeting, and just prior to the regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk

