

May 8, 2013 **Regular Meeting**

Regular Meeting of the Garfield Town Board
Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the regular board meeting to order on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at 6:15 p.m. Full board present. Meeting notice verified. Also in attendance was Don Brasda.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the April 16, 2013 regular meeting. Motion made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson and carried to accept as read. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Year to date financial report presented by Clerk. Motion to approve summary report made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Correspondence: Email received from Jackson County regarding an E911 address sign that is not posted, and they feel it should be.

Letter from Jeanine Konkell regarding her request for a refund of her snowplowing fee because she has only been plowed out three times due to the regular plow driver being injured. Discussion followed, and motion was made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to deny refund due to being plowed three times. Our one-time fee for salt-sanding is \$25 so it was felt three times of plowing and being charged only \$60 for the season was reason not to refund the money. Motion carried. Clerk to write letter to resident.

Proposed hall/shop building – discussion on what town needs to do to proceed with plans to build a new building. Committee will be appointed to work on a design. Cost estimates will be forthcoming, so state-approved plans can be presented to the electorate. Hanson made a motion to

authorize Dickinsen to spend up to \$10,000 with reopening if needed, to contract with an engineering firm to get preliminary plans in the works. Fremstad seconded, and the motion carried.

Plan Commission members will be reactivated. Motion made by Hanson to accept the following members to the Commission – Doug Richter, Alice Glavin, Karl Schearer, Marv Hong, Jackie Rindahl, Jim Christenson, Bob Poore, and Dave Gran – motion seconded by Fremstad, and carried. We will ask this plan commission to meet following the regular board meeting on Wednesday, June 12th.

Finance Committee met Tuesday, May 7th. Discussion centered on improving the year-to-date financial report. Clerk to get together with Marilyn Bhend (software distributor) to see how this can be done.

WISLR Road Report is due December 15th and is done online this year.

Road Equipment and Maintenance Committee met Wednesday, May 1st. Hanson checked with Titan to see about repairs to the mower. Discussion on fixing Maple Bluff Road soon. Motion made by Hanson, due to emergency mud conditions on the back half of Maple Bluff Road, to spend up to \$20,000 to have Scott Construction haul in 4 to 6 inches of gravel and have Lavern Larson Excavating fix an 18 inch culvert that has no bottom left. Motion carried. We may also need to cut some tree limbs later on due to heavy semi truck travel on that road. Dickinsen will contact the contractors to get the work started.

Employee plan – we will begin patching Sand Lane tomorrow morning. Sperber Road and Little Sweden Road has some pot holes. Old Highway 10 needs patching and cleaning out of cracked pavement. Moe Road, Scotch Pine and Crave Roads also need work and fixing signs. The orange truck needs cleaning out and washing, and the weight limit signs need to come down. We will leave the posts, so the signs can go up next year. Pat Mulhern will begin learning to run the township grader.

Hanson made a motion to purchase the WTA online-access at a cost of \$50. Motion seconded by Fremstad and carried. Clerk to process the application.

Fire Board – Hanson attended the fire board meeting this week.

Next meeting – will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, in the town hall, at 6 p.m.

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

Ardy Robertson, Clerk