



November 11, 2014 Regular Board Meeting - Town of Garfield

Town of Garfield Budget Hearing
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the budget hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 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, Gerald Fox, Dianne Richardson, and one other Garfield resident. Dickinsen began by passing out copies of the Proposed 2015 Summary Budget, and explaining the information contained on it, with regard to the proposed levy, income and expenditures for 2015. Our tractor loan is now paid off, and the loan payments for the new shop building will begin in 2015. Motion to adopt the 2015 Proposed Summary Budget as presented made by Glenn Fremstad, seconded by Lamoine Hanson, and carried.

Town of Garfield Meeting of the Electors
To Adopt the Town Levy
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – following Budget Hearing
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Chairman Dickinsen began the meeting of the electors to set the town levy immediately following the budget hearing. Discussion of the proposed town levy. Gerald Fox made a motion to adopt the town levy at \$135,466. Dianne Richardson seconded, and motion carried.

Town of Garfield Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 – following Levy Meeting
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Dickinsen called the regular meeting to order on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:20 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, Gerald Fox, Susan Fox, Dianne Richardson,

Raivo Balciunas, Alice Glavin, and one other Garfield resident.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the October 13th regular meeting of the town board. Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

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

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

Year to date financial report presented by clerk.

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

Correspondence – State Insurance Pool sent a policy update received. Clerk to file.

Study on wind turbines received. Clerk to file.

Levy letter from CVTC received. Our share is \$45,086.55, and the Osseo-Fairchild School District letter was also received – Town of Garfield share of the levy is \$611,279.00.

Key holders in the Town of Garfield are the following: Steve Dickinsen, Lamoine Hanson, Glenn Fremstad, Ardy Robertson, Clark Walker, Kevin Anderson, Donnie Brasda, Pat Mulhern, Alice Glavin, Jackie Rindahl, Norma Walker-Card. Motion to limit the keyholders to this list, kept by the clerk, made by Glenn Fremstad, seconded by Lamoine Hanson, and carried. Additional key holders will need to be approved by the board.

Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance and Citation (Forfeiture) Ordinance: Dickinsen suggested that the review and approval of these ordinances be tabled and a special meeting planned for next week to give the board and plan commission members time to read through Attorney Wegman's proposed changes. Motion to table the Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance and the Citation Ordinance until Monday, November 17th at 6:30 p.m. made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Agenda for this meeting will be posted.

Detailed 2015 Budget – discussion on the detailed budget family categories.

Motion to accept 2015 detailed budget made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Maintenance work – winter hours will be comprised mostly of snow plowing. Discussion on Employee Maintenance Resolution, which sets work rules, town policies, qualifications, and compensation rates for Maintenance Worker I, II, and III levels. Dickinsen explained the differences between the levels. Motion by Fremstad to adopt Employee Maintenance Resolution 12-01-2014 as presented. Motion seconded by Hanson, and carried. Clerk to send two copies to each town employee, who will then review, sign and return one file copy to the town.

Snow plow contracts are being sent out at this time. The town has a clause that reserves the right to not plow. Discussion of some very steep, narrow driveways and what to do about them. Clerk to write a letter to Ringhands stating the plowing may not be able to be done until all roads have been plowed. Another resident's road may need gravel before plowing, if they apply to have us plow. Clerk will let them know. McGeary's driveway sometimes get impassable and we will only be able to plow when conditions are such that we can safely get in there.

Fire Board meeting will be November 19th. Fire station building designers will be present to be interviewed.

Building Information Permit Applications: Application received from Adrian Swanson for the construction of a 20 x 40 wood shed. \$25 fee paid. Motion to approve made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Application also received from Michael Galatowitch to construct a storage shed. Fee of \$25 paid. Motion to approve made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Christmas party – this year's party will be at Whispering Pines on Monday, January 12, beginning at 6:30 with dinner at 7 p.m. Clerk to contact Doug Richter to set it up.

Next Meeting – will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Meeting adjourned. Implements of Husbandry will be on the agenda. Seven Plan Commission members will be appointed as well at the December meeting.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk

