October 13, 2010 Regular Meeting

Regular Meeting of Garfield Town Board Wednesday, October 13, 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 6:50 p.m. on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 Full board present. Meeting notice verified.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the September 9, 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 September, 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. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Wisconsin Towns Association meeting is Wednesday, October 20th, at 7 p.m., in Black River Falls at the Courthouse. Candidates forum is planned and town residents are welcome to attend. The Jackson County Plan Commission meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 21st, at the Courthouse.

Committee Reports – Finance Committee met to begin the budget making process on Thursday, October 7, and the budget will be finalized at the November meeting.

Fire Committee – the proposed budget from the Osseo Rural Fire Dept. was received, which includes some money to begin the planning stages for the proposed new fire station. Cost to the Town of Garfield would be \$2,000 for the \$10,000 portion of the planning fees.

Bridges and Roads: Lamoine Hanson has been looking at purchasing a back grade blade for the grader to try to recover gravel lost in the road ditches. Lamoine Hanson and Don Brasda worked with FEMA to try to obtain storm damage funding from the recent flooding.

Land Use Planning Commission: Three commission members – Dave Gran, Alice Glavin, and Jim Christenson – were present and presented the final recommendation to the board that the Plan be adopted by the board. Discussion on the accuracy of the maps, and that Garfield does not have an official map. Two suggestions were made to amend the plan, one is to change the wording of south to west of S. Levis Road, and the other change is to Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl to strike the wording which states south of South Levis Road and change it to west of South Levis Road, and to reinstate the phrase about the town discouraging the repetition of building heights, exterior colors, and housing floor plans within new developments. Motion carried. ADD SECTIONS. See attached revisions.

Motion made by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson, to adopt the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Ordinance with the recommended revisions and board amendments. Motion carried.

Ron and Ardy Robertson brought in a request for a driveway easement for Lot 4, CSM 2220 on their property. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rindahl, to approve. Motion carried.

Snowplow Contract: Revisions made on the snowplow contract to accommodate our equipment. We will send these out soon. Hanson made a motion to approve the new contract, seconded by Rindahl. Motion carried.

Discussion on depositing money market account funds into a Max Rate Savings account which bears 1.10% (1.11% APY). This is a variable rate, but does not force us to lock the funds into a long term CD. Motion to authorize treasurer to close our existing money market account and open the suggested account made by Rindahl, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Next meeting: The November meeting will be held on the second Tuesday (Nov. 9th) at 6:30 p.m.

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

/s/ Ardy Robertson, Clerk