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October 13, 2015 Regular Meeting - Town of Garfield

Town of Garfield Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2015 – 6:30 p.m. Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Dickinsen called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall on Hillcrest Road. Present were Chairman Steve Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson, Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson. Meeting notice verified. Also in attendance were road patrolman Don Brasda, as well as several town residents.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the September 8, 2015 regular board meeting. Motion made by Fremstad seconded by Hanson, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for September 2015 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.

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

Kathy Frank was present on behalf of a local 4-H Club requesting to be able to use the town hall as a meeting room on the first Tuesday of each month. Following discussion, motion was made by Hanson, and seconded by Fremstad, to allow them to use the hall on a trial basis, at no charge. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Letter from April Schoolcraft, Jackson County Land Planning Department, stating there are three residents on one driveway at the end of Poplar Road. Clerk to contact April for clarification. Bids for old town hall: Due to attorney's advice to the town to ask for offers, rather than bids, Hanson made a motion to change our request to offers. Motion seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Hanson made a motion to have a special meeting of the electors at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 10th, for approval to take offers for the sale of the old town hall, motion seconded by Fremstad and carried. This will help the town assure that the future of this site will be advantageous to the town.

Storm damage to town roads – the flooding of September 6, 2015 caused massive damage in Garfield. Dickinsen drafted requests for reimbursement. Hanson made a motion to submit the disaster application, and Fremstad seconded. Motion carried. Dickinsen will send this in tomorrow.

Dickinsen told the board we might be eligible for a TRIP grant for Old 27 Road. We need to implement a two year road improvement plan, which Dickinsen has drafted. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve the 2016-17 Town of Garfield 2 Year Road Improvement Plan as proposed by Dickinsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve the TRI grant application. Motion carried.

Walker and Hanson will meet Sunday, October 18, to survey the town roads for the WISLR road reports which are due in December, as well compile the E911 address list.

Hanson and Dickinsen attended the Osseo Rural Fire Board meeting last night. Still under consideration is the construction of a new fire department building. State approved plans are being sought at this time, which will be followed by an approval vote by all municipalities in the district.

Road maintenance work hours will be as needed on an on-call basis for the next month.

Application for driveway permit submitted by Eau Claire Coop Oil Company for their location on Old Highway 17. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to grant same. Motion carried. Payment of \$25 received.

Application received from Eau Claire Coop Oil Company for a building permit for their site on Old Highway 17 for an LP storage facility. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve. Motion carried. Payment of \$25 received. Snow plow contracts discussed. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to keep the fees the same as last year. Motion carried. Clerk will send contracts out to those who participated in the program last year.

Finance Committee - Clerk, Treasurer and Chairman will continue budget work at a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Next Meeting – will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, following the special meeting of the electors which is at 6:30 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Meeting adjourned.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk