



October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting - Garfield Town Board

Town of Garfield Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.  
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Dickinsen called the regular meeting to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2014 at 5:05 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, patrolman; General contractor Kevin Anderson, Dianne Richardson, Gerald Fox, and Karen Thayer, County Board rep; Plan Commission members: Raivo Balciunas, Jackie Rindahl and Susan Fox were present.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the September 9th 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 September 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 Fremstad, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Year to date financial report presented by clerk.

Bills were presented for payment. Hanson questioned the Jackson Electric statement where they are charging us \$10 per month for an outside that now belongs to us. Clerk to call Jackson Electric and get a correction. Also because we have now paid Kevin Anderson for the cabinets in the hall, when we receive the bill from Lamperts we are to give it to Anderson, and he will pay it. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve payment of bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Jackson County Land Information Dept. sent a letter requesting how we want to pay property taxes on our new shop building. Clerk to respond that this letter is most likely in error since we do not pay property taxes as a municipality.

Snow Contract – Clerk passed out copies of the contract for the board to review. The cost has been \$60 (driveways under 300 ft.) and \$110 (driveways over 300 ft.) for several years. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to raise it to \$80 and \$130. Motion carried. The cost of a one-time application of salt-sand without a paid snow removal contract was discussed. Motion by Dickinsen, seconded by Fremstad, to raise it to \$45 per time. This cost is included if you have a paid contract. The new contract will be available on the town's website which is [www.townofgarfieldwi.com](http://www.townofgarfieldwi.com)

Preliminary budget – we will have a special meeting of the electors in November to have a budget hearing, set the levy, and the board will also set the transportation budget.

Salt sand containment shed is now completed. Some of the large cement pieces of the sidewalls had to be rejected, and replaced by the company. The blacktop is now completed in the parking lot. We now need fuel moats. Anderson reported some negotiations with the excavator who worked on the shop project. More on this later. We need a few more items in the shop such as benches, shelves etc.

Pat has done some road grading. Don has done some mowing and we can remove the mower now and get ready for snow plowing.

One of the town's trucks is in the shop for some welding at this time.

The Jackson County unit meeting of the Wisconsin Towns Association will be held November 6th at 7 p.m. in Black River Falls at the courthouse.

The Osseo Rural Fire Dept. board meeting will be held later this evening. There is a study underway on the possibility of a new fire hall in the future. A new fire truck has recently been purchased.

Building information permit application received from Kurt Moll, along with the \$25 fee. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion on town's work policy, including wages, drug and alcohol testing, etc. Dickinsen introduced his proposal for the policy. This resolution will be presented at the November meeting for implementation 12-1-14.

Alice Glavin, Plan Commission Chairman, was not in attendance, so Raivo Balciunas gave the report of the Commission to the board. Jackie Rindahl and Gerald Fox, as a town resident, spoke about the non-metallic mining

ordinance options being presented to the board. The moratorium we have in place will be expiring on November 28, 2014, so we need to make the decision soon. Hanson made a motion to send both copies of the non-metallic mining ordinance to Attorney Wegman for his review, and take the issue of this amended ordinance up at the November town meeting. Fremstad seconded the motion and it carried.

Next Meeting – will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.  
Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.  
Meeting adjourned.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk