

October 9, 2013 **Regular Meeting**

Regular Meeting of the Garfield Town Board
Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.
Garfield Town Hall

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the regular board meeting to order on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at 6:05 p.m. Full board present. Meeting notice verified. Also in attendance were Don Brasda, Alice and Dave Glavin.

Ardy Robertson read the minutes of the September 11, 2013 regular meeting, and also the public informational meeting following the regular session. Motion made by Lamoine Hanson, seconded by Glenn Fremstad and carried to accept minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for September was read 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. Motion to approve summary report made by Dickinsen, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

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

Correspondence: Most of the gravel has been put on where planned. Maple Bluff has been repaired under emergency provisions due to the road being in such condition that an organic farm business was unable to get trucks in and out. We have a few loads of gravel left and the board and patrolman will determine where it would be best to put these. We have also done some patching on the hard surfaced roads, in preparation for the upcoming winter. We are getting equipment ready for winter also. TRIP application needs to be in November 1st, so Dickinsen will continue work on this. Targeted road for the TRIP project would be Old 17 Road, if we get the grant money. Hanson and Fremstad to work with clerk on DOT road report, which is due December 15th. Motion by Fremstad and seconded by Hanson to check with Goss on some equipment repair, and with Davy Tompkins for welding. Motion carried. Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to use C and D in Osseo for truck repair. Clerk will contact insurance company regarding the broken windshield in the grader.

Garbage and Recycling: We are running out of room for cardboard, so some adjustment is needed there. Motion made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to hire Dave Glavin to construct an area in the recycling shed for the cardboard to be stacked in. Motion carried.

Fire Board met Tuesday, October 8th, in Osseo. Their budget was increased by \$8,000, which leaves our township with an additional \$2,000 in their levy. Our share is \$22,800 to be included in our upcoming budget.

Building Permit Application: Shane Begley was present at the meeting to discuss a proposed Multi-Tenant Communication Facility to be constructed in the township – on Hanson Road. This should clear up the “dead zone” between Osseo and Fairchild along Highway 10, including cell phones, as well as emergency services. Payment of \$25 fee was received with the application. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve application. Motion carried.

David Westrate contacted the chairman about meeting with the township on a frac sand mining issue in the township. Dickinsen invited him to a future meeting, and clerk will place him on the agenda for the November meeting.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 13, at 6:00 p.m. Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk

Special Meeting of the Electors
October 9, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Steve Dickinsen at 7:01 p.m. Meeting has been duly posted. A sign-up sheet was passed around for eligible township residents to sign.

Dickinsen stated the purpose of the meeting is for the decision on whether to construct a salt/sand containment facility, and the second issue is the possible construction of a shop facility with a small meeting room. State Statutes say that the electors must approve any building projects. Any eligible electors present to vote at this meeting will decide this issue.

Dickinsen stated the board’s reasons for bringing this issue up, and what needs are being looked at such as elections, handicapped accessibility, salt/

sand containment, record storage, etc. as well as the shop facility itself. He also passed around sheets containing proposed drawings, and cost estimates. Shop facility estimate is \$234,000.

Chairman of the Plan Commission Alice Glavin commented on the proposed projects. Following that, Dickinsen opened up the discussion for questions from the floor.

Following the discussion, paper ballots were passed out. Of the 47 residents who signed in, only 45 residents were present for the vote. The results of the balloting are as follows:

Question 1 – Should the Town of Garfield construct a new town hall/shop building as recommended by the Town of Garfield Plan Commission? Yes Votes: 35 No Votes: 9 Abstain: 1.

Question 2 – Should the Town of Garfield construct a salt-sand containment shed as recommended by the Town of Garfield Plan Commission? Yes Votes: 37 No Votes: 7 Abstain: 1.

Dickinsen wrapped up by stating that the board will proceed with plans for these two projects. He also announced that anyone interested should attend the November 13th meeting because a gentleman will be attending to talk to the board regarding a frac sand issue within the township.

Motion by Alice Glavin to adjourn, seconded by Glenn Fremstad, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk

