

**Town of Garfield Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.
Garfield Town Hall**

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield to order on Tuesday, May 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall on Hillcrest Road. Present were Chairman Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson. Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad was running late but arrived at 6:40 p.m. Meeting notice verified. Motion to approve agenda made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Also in attendance were road patrolman Don Brasda, Kevin Anderson, Lisa Walker, Karl Schearer, Karen Thayer, Mike Taft, Ray Carlson, Richard Carlson, Dianne Richardson, and Alice Glavin.

Robertson read the minutes of the April 17, 2018 regular board meeting. Motion made by Hanson seconded by Fremstad, to approve minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for April, 2018 was presented by Treasurer 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.

Clerk presented monthly bills for payment. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad and carried to pay the bills.

Mike Taft was a guest at the meeting. He wrote a letter describing a fence/neighbor issue he is dealing with. He is requesting that his letter be attached to the meeting minutes, and further requesting that the board take action to remedy the situation. The board will hold a meeting, on Thursday, May 10, at 6:30 p.m. to view the fence, and possibly take action.

Road maintenance – Hours for the next month to be as needed, per the board. Road bans came off on May 1st. A farm operator recently dragged a disc down Bluff View Road and Highway B. Clerk to bill operator.

Mitch Dickinsen filled out a form to work for the town, doing such things as mowing. Hanson made a motion to hire Mitch Dickinsen, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Discussion on culverts that need to be bid – Telemarkin, Maple Bluff and Searcy Road, and also the work on Old 17 Road.

Buildings and Maintenance – discussion on power steering issue with red dump truck. One ton pickup needs brake lines, and get gas tanks mounting straps. Sand on Maple Bluff needs to be picked up. Trucks need washing. The flail mower needs to be put back together and sold. The corner of the building has been fixed. We need to check with Value Implement about a bucket cylinder that is leaking.

Website vendor – following discussion, Hanson made a motion to use JB Systems for our website. Fremstad seconded, and motion carried.

Dickinsen implemented new Waste and Recycling Employee Policies and a new time sheet for that department. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve. Motion carried.

Discussion on second dumpster for recycling material. The county says they have a shortage of them.

Old landfill, closed many years ago, was recently inspected by the DNR. Areas of non-compliance include keeping the trees cut on the clay cap; mowing the brush to prevent more trees from coming up, sending roots through the clay cap; removing tree root balls from the border of landfill. We must also put up a sign stating it is a closed landfill – do not enter.

Recycling – Clean Sweep to be held June 8 and 9, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Jackson County Highway Dept., 23 Harrison Street, in Black River Falls. Only waste from houses and farms will be eligible. The first 200 lbs. are free.

Fire Board – Open house will be held Tuesday, June 12, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Osseo Fire Station with ceremonies at 7 p.m. Final cost came in at \$2,075,000, with interest at 4.5 percent for 25 years.

Building Information Permit Application was received from Mike Hogstad for a 30 x 40 pole building. Payment of \$25 received. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve. Motion carried.

Building Information Permit Application was received from Mike Galatowitsch for a single family residence. Payment of \$25 received. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve. Motion carried.

Website - Clerk attended a focus group in the Town of Spring Brook in Dunn County on April 25. JB Systems of Eau Claire was present to explain what they offer to their clients.

Plan Commission held a meeting on Saturday, April 21st. Karl Schearer was present to discuss the metallic mining ordinance, as well as the cemetery ordinance. Their next meeting will be Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m.

Motion to enter into closed session made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Roll call Steve Dickinsen yes, Lamoine Hanson yes, Glenn Fremstad yes.

Discussion on employee relations and compensation.

Motion to leave closed session and enter regular session made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Motion to adjourn regular meeting made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the town hall.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk