

**Town of Garfield Regular Meeting
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 – 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, August 18, 2020, at 6:40 p.m. in the town hall on Hillcrest Road. Present were Chairman Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson, Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson. Meeting notice verified. Motion to approve agenda made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Also in attendance were Lisa Walker and Alice Glavin.

Clerk read the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020. Motion made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried to approve minutes as amended.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for July, 2020 was presented by Walker. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Report presented by Clerk and Treasurer. Motion to accept made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

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

Northern Family Farms placed a cable across Sumach Road. A town resident could not get access and notified the town. Hanson and Dickinsen checked the situation and removed the current cable, with a Jackson County Deputy present. Discussion on whether or not to put a gate closer to the end of the road to prevent garbage dumping on that road, giving keys to nearby residents. This gate would not be a dangerous cable, and would need to be removed in winter so snow plowing can be done on the road. Motion to implement a proper gate system made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Report on August 11th election. Clerk reported the recent election went very well. The flow in through the garage with chairs for waiting voters, and out through the hall worked very well with no problems.

We received a pre-buy notice from Chippewa Valley Energy. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried to pre-buy 800 gallons at the \$1.04.

We received a notice from Olson Pest Control that the price for fall insect spraying will be \$115, and we need to contact them by September 1st if we want them to spray.

Motion by Fremstad, and seconded by Hanson, to request the insect spraying. Motion carried.

Building Notification Application received from Tracy Nichols for a house addition at N12555 Old 27 Road. Fee of \$25 has been paid. Motion by Hanson and seconded by Fremstad to approve. Motion carried.

Building Notification Application received from Ralph Vaught for a shop building at N12641 Rindahl Valley Road. Fee of \$25 has been paid. Motion by Fremstad and seconded by Hanson to approve. Motion carried.

Building Notification Application received from Steven Toft for a pole shed at N15804 N. Hillcrest Road. Fee of \$25 has been paid. Motion by Hanson and seconded by Fremstad to approve. Motion carried.

North Sand Lane Road – Dickinsen applied for a grant from the DOT, but the DOT rep would not sign off on the grant. We may need to cable the other end of the culvert there. Discussion on beaver issue on South Sand Lane. We will need to clean out the area with a backhoe. On Bluff View, where the new culvert is, the rock has been washed out. Mitch Dickinsen put the rock back, but we may need to put the larger rock there.

Equipment – grader has a fuel leak. We need to replace the fuel return lines. The new Case-IH tractor and mower are in at Value Implement, back from South Dakota. The board and roadman will be trained on Tuesday, August 25th at Value. Discussion on the one-ton pickup that has transmission problems. We will put labels in truck saying DO NOT USE OVERDRIVE, and PLOW ONLY IN 4WD-LOW.

The Osseo Rural Fire Dept. met last week and purchased a new fire truck from Osseo Ford, for \$75,000, financed for a five-year period. They also purchased a pickup for \$36,000 from Osseo Chevrolet.

Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the town hall.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk