

**Town of Garfield Special Meeting
Monday, September 9, 2019 – 6 p.m.
Stillwater Eldorado Music Barn**

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield to order on Monday, September 9, 2019, at 6 p.m. at the Stillwater Eldorado Music Barn on County Road G. Present were Chairman Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson, Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson, along with Osseo Rural Fire Department Chief Nels Gunderson and Fire Code Inspector Terry Rue, and Ben Schwenneker Sr., Ben Schwenneker Jr., and Joseph Schwenneker, and other Schwenneker family members. Meeting notice verified.

Chief Gunderson explained the purpose of the meeting which was to explore the possibility of granting Ben Schwenneker Jr., owner of the Stillwater Eldorado Music Barn with a Temporary Variance under which they would be able to operate their music barn. He explained that since the Town of Garfield is not zoned, that leaves the state of Wisconsin in charge. The Osseo Rural Fire Department is tasked with inspecting the premises for the protection of life in case of a fire. Following their inspection, they will consult with their legal counsel to see if a petition for a variance can be granted, based on meeting the requirements of the DSPS.

Discussion and possible recommendations included having the four exit doors in the seating area changed to swing outward, adding sheetrock on the wall between the seating area and the garage, adding smoke/fire detection devices and 5 lb. fire extinguishers at each exit, making sure there were no vehicles with batteries, or gasoline in the garage area during concerts. Gunderson and Rue plan to talk to their legal advisors, and discuss the issue at the upcoming fire board meeting later in September and get back to Schwennekers with their findings.

Meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk