

Regular Township Meeting

Garfield Township

April 11, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM at Garfield Township Hall with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

ROLL CALL Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye.

AGENDA Motion made by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to **approve the agenda with changes.** **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT Rick Matley spoke about land-locked parcels and SEV values due to that and asked the board to present relief to the homeowners.

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Eric Rohn to approve the **minutes from the March 14th minutes with changes.** **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Clerk Southworth, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to approve the **Annual minutes from the March 30th meeting** as presented **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Trustee Moore, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to accept the **Treasurer's Report for the General Fund** as presented. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Clerk Southworth to accept the **Treasurer's Report for the Fire Fund** as presented. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Supervisor Jones **to pay Oak Hill Electric from ARPA Funds for electric to the new Fire Dept well.** **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Propane was discussed for the Fire Barn. When Superior Propane was approached about cancellation due to higher costs they lowered their price and gave us a credit for past invoices.

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Trustee Rohn to pay the **General Fund Bills** with the addition of ck#3026 to Oak Hill Electric for \$7450.00 to come out of ARPA fund and removing Superior Propane due to credit being issued. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to pay the **Fire Fund Bills** as presented. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

ZONING REPORT presented by Ken Nason.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT presented by Chief Jones

Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Clerk Southworth to accept and **hire Josiah Frick on the Fire Department. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

PLANNING REPORT presented by Dan Conklin.

Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Treasurer Sibole to **have Planning Committee draft a letter to certain property owners that have not complied with warnings of violations.** This letter will be mailed to our attorney and then presented for Board Approval. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

POLICE/PARK/HOSPITAL Report was presented by Chief Jerry Cannon.

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to sign a **3 year contract with Alisa Abney as our new assessor**, starting May 1st, at a Salary of \$1625/Mo plus 1/3 of her phone bill. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

The board offered their greatest appreciation for the work that Erik Sandy did while Assessor.

May 9th Meeting at 6 PM to Discuss Changes to Policy and Procedures.

Tru Green Discussed. Tabled until next meeting.

Ken Nason has officially filed all the paperwork with the County Clerk to run for the office of Township Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT Deputy Treasurer Lisa Nason spoke about her conversation with MTA regarding her being a Deputy Treasurer and her husband running for the office of Clerk. MTA stated that legally there was no conflict. The board stated it was the appearance of impropriety and that it could be a husband and wife both signing a check from the two separate offices. No decision will need to be made until after the election.

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Clerk Southworth to close the meeting at 8:25 PM. All Ayes.