

Regular Township Meeting

Garfield Township

May 9, 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.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER Report presented by Jim Sweet.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheriff Whiteford spoke about Kankaska County Dispatch Millage Request going on the August Ballot. Mtgs in June at the Kaliseum to discuss in more detail. 6/18 @ 6 PM, 6/22 @10 AM, 6/25@ 11 AM. Sheriff Whiteford also asked for everyone's support as he is running again for Sheriff in the August Election.

Chuck Hill announced that he is running for District 4 Commissioner and asked for the public's support.

Laura Gilliken spoke about the land locked properties and SEV values that Rick Matley brought up at last mtg and asked the board to take action. The board pointed her to come to the next Planning Meeting and have them take up this issue and then bring to the board.

Treasurer Sibole spoke to let people know there were issues with filing her paperwork and others in the county which is going to make her have to run as a write in candidate in the August election and asked for the public support.

Mr. Roy Spoke about his fire on his property that engulfed his outbuilding. He appreciated the Garfield Township's Fire Dept response and asked the township to waive the fee due to hardship. **Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Trustee Moore to waive the fee. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Eric Rohn to approve the **minutes from the April 11, 2024** as presented. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Clerk Southworth tenders his resignation with his last day being June 14th. **Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Trustee Rohn to accept his resignation with regret, he will be missed. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Advertising has been done to hire an interim Clerk until the election and Ken Nason was the only who applied for the position. Ken Nason is also running for the Clerk's position in the August election. **Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Trustee Moore to hire Ken Nason as Interim Clerk starting June 13th until the November Election. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Abstaining. Motion Carried.

The board is going to advertise for a Zoning Administrator in the paper, FB, and the internet and look at qualified applicants at the June Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Supervisor Jones, 2nd by Trustee Moore 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 Trustee Moore 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 Trustee Rohn to pay the **General Fund Bills** with the change to GFL 's amount to be \$71.88. **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** with additions of \$539.23 to Carquest and \$210.00 to Safety First on the Credit Card. **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.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT presented by Lee Jensen.

PLANNING REPORT presented by Trustee Moore.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Supervisor Jones to **accept TruGreens contract for \$4900.00 for the 2024 season.** **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 Treasurer Sibole to **adopt the 2023 Kalkaska County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan 5 Year Update as an official plan of Garfield Township.** **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

GFL Trash Day was discussed. Same place, Same Time. Looking for extra people to help.

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Trustee Moore to close the meeting at 8:20 PM. All Ayes.