

Regular Township Meeting

Garfield Township

November 9, 2023

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-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye.

AGENDA Motion made by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Trustee Rohn to **approve the agenda with changes.**

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

PUBLIC COMMENT 2 people spoke about their **opposition to the Moorestown Cell Tower.** They brought a list of 9 signatures that were local around the tower, but were not within the radius to be notified of the Special Use Permit Application.

CLERK'S REPORT

Motion by Trustee Moore, 2nd by Treasurer Sibole to approve the **minutes from the October 12, 2023.**

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

Clerk Southworth discussed next year elections, including the 9 day early voting.

Clerk Southworth announced that he will not be running for Township Clerk next year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Motion by Trustee Rohn, 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-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Trustee Rohn to pay the **Fire Fund Bills** with the following additions: Kalkaska Memorial Hospital, ck 701, \$100.00. **ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

ZONING REPORT presented by Ken Nason.

PLANNING REPORT presented by Vice Chair Al Potts. Presented to the board that the Planning Commission had approved the Special Use Permit for a Cell Tower on the Brown Property Parcel# 007-229-007-00 on a 3 Ayes, 1 Nay vote and was bringing it to the board for approval. Public comment was allowed again since a resident had arrived late to the meeting. **Motion by Trustee Moore, 2nd by Treasurer Sibole to approve Special Use Permit for the Cell Tower on Moorestown Rd.** **ROLL CALL**

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Trustee Rohn-Nay, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Nay. **Motion Did Not Pass.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT presented by Lee Jensen. Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Clerk Southworth to **approve a new barn door not to exceed \$2000.00. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

March Newsletter to include info on Spring Clean Up Day and Proposed Millage

Snowplowing bids were presented. Jones Trucking \$10,850.00, Up North Outdoors \$12,500 and Kater Lawn and Snow \$5442.00. Kater is based in Leroy and calls were made, but not returned to them by Clerk Southworth asking how they thought they could handle it being that far away. **Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Trustee Moore to award the Snowplowing contract to Jones Trucking. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Motion by Trustee Moore, 2nd by Treasurer Sibole to sign and submit the **Summer Tax Resolution to collect the School Taxes. ROLL CALL** Trustee Rohn-Aye, Trustee Moore-Aye, Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Absent, Clerk Southworth-Aye. Motion Carried.

Website was discussed. Working on getting it up and running through GoDaddy. Emails can also be added to our GoDaddy account.

NEW BUSINESS There are 2 position open at this time.

Groundskeeper. Our current Groundskeeper has taken on a full-time job and so has his assistant. He will remain as our gravedigger, but does not have enough time to do groundskeeping. The board all agreed that he has done a fantastic job.

Cleaning/Hall Rental Person.

Ads will be placed

PUBLIC COMMENT None

Motion by Treasurer Sibole, 2nd by Clerk Southworth to close the meeting at 8:15 PM. All Ayes