

Regular Township Meeting

Garfield Township

October 9, 2025

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

**ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye.

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rohn to **approve the agenda as presented**. All Ayes Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** We need to make sure Hall cleaning is thoroughly done weekly.

**CLERK'S REPORT** The hall has been left open several times; everyone needs to be more careful. Resident is having pkgs mailed to the township's mailing address; just returning them now. Getting prices on having pavement sealed. Advertising being sent out for 25-26 snow plowing season bids.

**Motion** by Clerk K Nason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Treasurer Sibole to **approve September 11, 2025 minutes with one spelling change**. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion** by Supervisor Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee L Nason to accept the **Treasurer's Report for the General Fund** as presented **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Clerk K Nason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Rohn to accept the **Treasurer's Report for the Fire Fund** as presented. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

#### **PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jones to pay the **General Fund Bills with the addition of GLE on CC**. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee L Nason to pay the **Fire Fund Bills with the addition of GLE on CC**. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** presented by Dave Persons New Administrator Sheriff Pat Whiteford is doing a great job. Sold the 911 Annex Building. Still working on a new Road Commission Bldg. Kaliseum: John Starr did receive a raise in the form of a stipend and Chad Williams resigned.

**PLANNING** was presented by Daniel Conklin. Need to have Dave Martin go to two trainings through MSU and to become a Certified Zoning Administrator.

**Motion** by Supervisor Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee L Nason to authorize **up to \$1200 for Training and hotel for Dave Martin to become a Certified Zoning Administrator**. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

Need to change our Master Plan for Ag Exemption from 5 Acre minimum to Fractional 5 after hearing from Dean Farrier, Surveyor.

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The Planning Board is continuing the work on Short Term Rentals. The Planning Board presented a draft of the Short-term Rental Licensing Ordinance and again stated that the Noise Ordinance is needed prior to implementing. Enforcement of Noise Ordinance was discussed.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** presented by Chief Kitchen. Getting quotes for Engine Repair. Would like to add Easter Egg Hunt and Pancake Breakfast on April 5, 2026 at the fire hall to the next Newsletter. Ordered Batteries from 800 Batteries. Hoping for a Grant from DNR for new radios. Continued Education Training will be first week in November.

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Jones to **purchase New Nozzle with the Free training quote from Dinges** that was presented. **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

**POLICE/PARK/HOSPITAL Report** was presented by Chief Jerry Cannon. Truck is in the shop. Park will be closed after Halloween. Park Directional signs are in.

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee L Nason to **authorize Supervisor Jones to approve the gate and cost that needs to be purchased to block off new drive to the park.** **ROLL CALL** Treasurer Sibole-Aye, Trustee L Nason-Aye, Supervisor Jones-Aye, Trustee Rohn-Aye, Clerk K Nason-Aye. Motion Carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** Hospital Millage. Discussed what to do with the millage funds that are being collected after Hospital change. Attorney from MTA is offering their opinion to those that have joined the Attorney Group. Checking on cost to join. Suggested that this may end up in front of the Michigan Attorney General for a final decision. All Townships must do the same thing with the funds.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**Motion** by Treasurer Sibole, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee L Nason to close the meeting at 8:36 PM. All Ayes.