

DRAFT ONLY
GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor George Suchy at 7:00. Rob made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2012 regular board meeting and minutes of the special board meeting of March 20, 2012. Jill seconded. Motion carried.

Members present by roll call: George Suchy, Amy Ekkel, Jill VandenBerg, Rob Kinniburgh and Marilyn Melvin

Absent: None

Pledge led by George Suchy

Public in attendance: Pat Sullivan, Dennis Caplis, Rob Pope, Jim Vile, Linda Cole, Josh Mausolf, Laurie Breuker

Public Comments:

Dennis Caplis gave a report on library. Work is to begin on library and it will be closed for two weeks and moved to the Community Ed building on 76th Street. The library should be reopened at its location in January, 2013.

Laurie Breuker, Newaygo County Clerk, gave a report on some of the things happening at the Clerk's office.

She stated there was only an 18% turnout for the February 28, 2012 Republican Primary Election. The next election for our township will be the Fremont School Election to be held on May 8, 2012.

Laurie stated that the death certificate pilot project for State of Michigan was well accepted and now birth certificate program is in the process.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Marilyn made a motion to purchase the BSA program for the Zoning Administrator's computer in the amount of \$1,000 (a onetime cost for additional computers) with an increase in the yearly fee of \$210.00, from \$560 to \$770. Jill seconded. Motion carried.
- Linda Cole requested flowers and mulch to be purchased for the two islands in the cemetery. Jill made a motion to purchase this at a cost of \$1,140.00. Rob seconded. After discussion, a vote was taken with 4 voting for and 1 against. Motion carried. Also the *Garfield Township Memorial Cemetery Costs and Fees* list was approved. (See attached) with the exception of under **Marker and Monument Foundation (new)** the \$.45 per sq. in (\$50.00 minimum) , this minimum to be for cremation lots. Amy made a motion to accept the price list, Rob seconded. Motion carried.

Also the Township Board to advertise to see if anyone is interested in filling the vacant position on the Cemetery Board.

- Fire Board with first responders was discussed. It was decided to hold a hearing at the May 8, 2012 meeting for the purpose of adding first responders to the Fire Board.
- Rob and George gave a report on the meeting held with Ed Fedell and John Schneider on Saturday at our township hall. There was talk on the Growth Management Program and will try to negotiate again.

- The sale of the barns and 2½ to 3 acres from township property was discussed. This to be surveyed and a suggested price to be set. If sold it was suggested that the proceeds to be used for improvements for public use of the area behind the cemetery

NEW BUSINESS:

- The bid for Grade, Gravel and Pave Carol Street, starting at Mundy Ave. and going east approximately 2,000 feet was presented. It was suggested that the Township Board pay ½ the township’s portion from the fund balance. Rob made a motion to use \$16,325 of the Fund Balance to accept this bid. Amy seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Jill Vandenberg	Yes
Amy Ekkel	Yes
Rob Kinniburgh	Yes
George Suchy	Yes
Marilyn Melvin	Yes

- Rob made a motion to purchase a postage scale for the assessor and township use.

Amy seconded. Motion carried.

- Dan’s Excavating Service, Inc. submitted a quote of \$3,200.00 for Parking Lot and Driveway Maintenance – spraying weeds and deliver and install 100 yards of crushed concrete. Rob made a motion to accept the bid. Jill seconded. Motion carried.
- Linda Cole, Jim Vile and George Suchy to be allowed to purchase under the credit agreement with Family Farm and

Home for township and cemetery needs.

Rob gave a report on COLA. More control to be going to the COLA Board instead of township. Also that taking in sewage would be too costly.

Amy stated there would be a Kimball-Pickeral Lake Board quarterly meeting at the Newaygo County Drain Commissioner Office on April 12, 2012.

The dog clinic has been set up by Amy on May 19, 2012 from 10 AM until 12PM. The cost of shots to be: Rabies - \$10.00, Distemper - \$13.00 and Kennel Cough - \$11.00.

Rob made a motion to pay the bills. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Jill made a motion to adjourn. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Mariln Merlvin
Garfield Township Clerk