

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting March 8, 2022
DRAFT ONLY

The meeting was called to order by George Suchy at 7:00pm

Pledge led by: George Suchy

Members present were: George Suchy, Rob Kinniburgh, Ray Troyer, Kristin Melvin

Excused: Amy Ekkel

Public present: 1-community member

Rob made a motion to approve the agenda for the, March 8, 2022 meeting with the addition of COLA under new business Ray seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Rob made a motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2022 with the correction of the date (January 11, 2022) regular meeting Ray seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Comments: none

OLD BUSINESS:

*Ray made a motion to approve the wages for 2022-2023. Ray seconded. Motion carried. 4-0.

*Rob made a motion to close the regular meeting. Ray seconded. Motion carried. 4-0

*Rob made a motion to open the budget hearing. Ray seconded. Motion carried. 4-0

*Discussion on budget.

*Rob made a motion to close the budget hearing. Ray seconded. Motion carried. 4-0

*Rob made a motion to open the regular meeting. Ray seconded. Motion carried. 4-0

*Rob made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented not to exceed \$784,200 in expenses total. (\$384,200 general fund, \$300,000 roads and \$100,000 fire) George-yes, Rob-yes, Ray-yes, Kristin-Yes, Amy-absent. Carried 4-0.

*Ray made a motion to approve the amended/final budget for 2021-2022 as presented. Expenses \$998,200 (\$538,200, \$300,000 roads, \$160,000 fire) with the general fund covering the excess fire costs. Rob seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Kristin made a motion to renew the Fremont fire contract for 2022-2023. Rob seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

*Rob made a motion to retain Beth Striegle as the township attorney, the discretion of banking up to the treasurer with board approval, buy and sell land as seen fit, set the township board meeting dates as the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm and the planning meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm, the township board will retain all committee members and community members as is. Ray seconded. Roll Call: Ray-Yes, George-Yes, Kristin-Yes, Amy-Absent Rob-Yes. Motion carried 4-0.

*Ray made a motion to approve the added fence for the cemetery. Rob seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Roads:

Cemetery: Renewed contract with Ulnar lawn care.

COLA: Discussion on COLA & repayment of township funds.

Walking Path/Trail: Have group meet 1st/2nd week of April.

Rob made a motion to pay the bills as presented for payment. Ray seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Seconded. Motion carried at 8:17pm 4-0.

Kristin Melvin
Garfield Township Clerk