

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting March 14, 2023
DRAFT ONLY

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

Pledge led by: Rob Kinniburgh

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

Excused:

Public present: 3-community member

Ray made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2023 meeting as presented. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Rob made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2023 regular meeting. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Public Comments:

OLD BUSINESS:

*Rob made a motion to approve the amended budget as presented, Revenues \$635,728 general fund, \$331,000 road fund, \$100,000 Fire fund for total revenues \$1,066,728. Expenses General Fund \$420,750, Roads \$470,000 and Fire \$160,000 for total expenses of \$1,050,750. Ray seconded, George-yes, Ray-yes, Amy-yes, Rob-yes, Kristin-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Rob made a motion to approve the amended budget to include an addition of \$25,000 for the fire fund. Total Fire expense to be \$185,000, and total expense to be \$1,075,750. Amy seconded, George-yes, Ray-yes, Amy-yes, Rob-yes, Kristin-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Amy made a motion to close the regular meeting. Kristin seconded. Motion carried, 5-0

*Amy made a motion to open the budget hearing. Kristin seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Budget hearing-presentation.

*Ray made a motion to close the budget hearing. Kristin seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Amy made a motion to open the regular meeting. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Rob made a motion to approve the proposed 2023-2024 budget as presented. Revenues general fund \$443,200, road fund \$305,400, fire fund \$90,000 for total revenues \$838,600. General fund expenses \$403,600, road expenses \$300,000, fire expenses \$135,000 for total expenses \$838,600. Amy seconded, George-Yes, Ray-Yes, Rob-Yes, Kristin-Yes, Amy-Yes. Motion Carried, 5-0.

* 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-Yes Rob-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Rob made a motion to continue with Fremont fire department contract. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Rob made a motion to partner with the road commission for the engineering & survey of Anderson flats (Felch) not to exceed \$10,000 cost to the township. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Roads: Road committee update- reseal of Bingham (Gabrielle will send over invoices)

Cemetery:

COLA:

Walking Path/Trail:

Public Comments:

Ray made a motion to approve the bills as presented, Amy seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Seconded. Motion carried at 7:57pm, 5-0.

Kristin Melvin
Garfield Township Clerk