

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting March 12, 2024
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

Excused: Amy Ekkel

Public present: 5-community member

Rob made a motion to approve the agenda for the March 12, 2024 meeting as presented. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Kristin made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2024 regular meeting. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Public Comments: Petition for ballot initiative to keep local control of green energy & petition to be able to FOIA governor/lieutenant governor.

Adam Mercer – running for sheriff in Newaygo County - August 6

OLD BUSINESS:

*Amy arrived. Kristin made a motion to approve the amended wages as presented. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Kristin made a motion to approve the amended budget as presented, Revenues \$537,293 general fund, \$359,200 road fund, \$121,050 Fire fund for total revenues \$1,017,543. Expenses General Fund \$487,600 Roads \$349,943 and Fire \$180,000 for total expenses of \$1,017,543. Amy seconded, George-yes, Ray-yes, Amy-yes, Rob-yes, Kristin-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

*Rob made a motion to open the budget hearing. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.
Budget hearing-presentation.

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

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

*Kristin made a motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget as presented. Revenues general fund \$482,528, road fund \$345,400 fire fund \$115,000 for total revenues \$942,928. General fund expenses \$482,528, road expenses \$345,400, fire expenses \$115,000 for total expenses \$942,928. Ray 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. Amy seconded. Roll Call: Ray-Yes, George-Yes, Kristin-Yes, Amy-Yes Rob-Yes. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Rob made a motion to approve the road bids for Croswell for a total of \$431,600 which is wedge & overlay from 48th to 72nd. Ray seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Ray made a motion to approve the computer purchase for 2 laptops for the clerk. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

*Ray made a motion to approve the wolverine power system proposal for the Level 2 program and the 1 hour load bank. Kristin seconded. Motion carried, 5-0.

Committee Reports:

Roads:

Cemetery: Update on Cemetery

COLA:

Walking Path/Trail: Donations of Benches- Murray Lumber

Public Comments:

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

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Seconded. Motion carried at 7:54pm, 5-0.

Kristin Melvin
Garfield Township Clerk