

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting October 10, 2023
DRAFT ONLY

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

Pledge led by: Malvin Kooiman

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

Excused: Ray Troyer

Public present: 9

*Rob made a motion to approve the agenda for the October 10, 2023 meeting as presented. Kristin seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

*Kristin made a motion to approve the minutes of September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 3-0.

Amy arrived

Public Comments: Long family wanting to rent out the hall for a birthday party.

Newaygo County Recreation Authority: \$10,000-15,000 cost associated with repairing the skate park; Newaygo High School students will be doing the work. Looking for additional revenue from Garfield to help support the cost associated with the repair.

*Rob made a motion to approve \$2,000 to support the NCRA for the repair of the Skate Park. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Question regarding gate at Old Women's Bend.

Question regarding any solar energy progress & update from AES regarding solar opportunity

OLD BUSINESS:

*Duane duChemin asked the board to consider helping with the dugouts at Centerline South Little League Fields not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of supplies for the roof & closet material. Rob made a motion to approve the request not to exceed \$5,000 for the purchase of supplies for the dugouts at Centerline South. Supplies will run through Cronk Hardware, and the township will pay the bills. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

* George made a motion to accept the resignation of Matt Frain, and hire Jennifer Rainey as the Township assessor effective 10/1/2023. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 4-0. Kristin-Yes, Amy-Yes, Rob-Yes, George-Yes

*Rob made a motion to accept the Beaver Tree Service bid for snowplowing. One year contract. Amy seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Committee Reports:

Roads:

Cemetery: Cemetery will be closed November 14, 2023 – April 1, 2024

COLA:

Walking Path/Trail:

Public Comments:

Amy made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Rob seconded. Motion carried, 4-0.

Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Amy Seconded. Motion carried at 8:31 pm, 4-0.

Kristin Melvin
Garfield Township Clerk