

**Town of Garfield Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – immediately
Following the Annual Meeting
Garfield Town Hall**

Chairman Steve Dickinsen called the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Garfield to order on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, immediately following the Annual Meeting, at 6:55 p.m. in the town hall on Hillcrest Road. Present were Chairman Dickinsen, First Supervisor Lamoine Hanson, Second Supervisor Glenn Fremstad, Treasurer Clark Walker, and Clerk Ardy Robertson. Meeting notice verified. Motion to approve agenda made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, and carried. Also in attendance were Alice Glavin, Lisa Walker, Jack Curry, as well as Nels Gunderson from Osseo Automotive. Sven Fritz and an associate, Mario, from Hillcrest Land Management arrived later.

Clerk read the minutes of the March 9, 2021 meeting. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, to approve minutes as read. Motion carried.

Clerk then read the minutes of the March 15 Board Road Tour and the March 25 possible truck purchase meetings. Hanson made a motion to accept minutes as recorded by Dickinsen and read by Robertson. Motion seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Treasurer's report of income and expenses for March, 2021 was presented by Walker. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson. Motion carried.

Reconciliation Report presented by Clerk and Treasurer. Motion to accept made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried.

Clerk presented monthly bills for payment. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad and carried to pay the bills.

District meetings will be held virtually this year. Board members can go online and view the workshops. Motion to approve Walker and Robertson to participate in the spring towns conference made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Clerk to send in fee.

Discussion on beaver pond on Kay Road between G and Old 17 Road. A large pond has formed, and the town had one beaver trapped, however the land owner does not want the beavers trapped. We can overrule the land owner because it can damage the road.

Bugtussel Communication is asking to connect to the tower on Hanson Road.

Sven Fritz of Hillcrest Land Management and his associate, Mario, were present and Dickinsen and the board discussed how much to pay and how much to hold back until the job is finished. Dickinsen proposes to have the clerk send a letter to adjoining landowners to give them a time limit to remove the logs that are in the road right of way along Sand Lane. Motion to send the letter with a May 31 deadline to landowners, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Also discussed were logs on Bluff View that are still laying along the road right of way. Clerk will also send a letter to a landowner along Bluff View who has logs in the right of way. Motion by Dickinsen, seconded by Hanson, and carried to pay the entire sum of \$23,850 to Fritz tonight. Additional discussion on the culvert on the corner of Sand Lane. Hillcrest Land Management will give us a quote, and Dickinsen will get one more quote. Motion by Fremstad and seconded by Hanson to proceed with quoting and the work to fix the culvert issue on the corner of Sand Lane by the Betty Flick property. Motion carried.

Nels Gunderson presented the board with a proposal for the pickup truck we are looking to purchase to replace our current one-ton truck. He went through the points of the bid on the truck and explained them to the board. \$124,053.21 is the purchase price, and if the board agrees, they will sign a purchase agreement and arrange payment. The truck would arrive in August. Motion by Hanson, to agree to the purchase, seconded by Fremstad. Motion carried.

For many years, there has been a hand-shake agreement between Garfield and the Town of Cleveland where we do light maintenance on East Town Line Road in exchange for the same on Section 1 Road from them. However any paving or heavy work is done by the respective town owners of the roads. We plan to get these in writing so future board members know what the agreement is.

Opelt Sand and Gravel sent the board some prices for road material and it is favorable so we will order from them this year.

Building Information Application received from Emily Abley for an addition to a one-family residence at W15794 County Road B, which is the former Garfield town hall building which she is converting into a residence. \$25 fee paid. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve. Motion carried.

Building Information Application received from LaVern Vandeberg and Jason Otto for a pole shed to be constructed at N13236 Bluff View Road, Osseo. \$25 fee paid. Motion by Fremstad, seconded by Hanson, to approve. Motion carried.

Roadman Mitch Dickinsen will be on medical leave for a time, beginning May 11, and we will need someone on a temporary part time basis.

Osseo Rural Fire Board met recently, and has purchased two trucks. A portion of the building payment has been held because there are items not yet completed.

Motion to adjourn made by Hanson, seconded by Fremstad, and carried. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the town hall.

Ardy Robertson, Clerk