

GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. by appointed Township Supervisor, Gary Sporer.

Prayer was given by appointed Supervisor, Gary Sporer

Present: Brenda Lester, Janet Feenstra-Daasch, Sue Rochefort, Craig Potvin, and Gary Sporer

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

Based on the Governor's directive, public health requires that those who are not vaccinated should wear a mask and those that are vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

MINUTES: Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 11, 2021. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS: A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to approve the bills as submitted by the Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, Craig – yes, and Gary – yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Joe Maki, Assessor, was not present to give the report. The assessor's report was received and a copy will be on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief, Keith Farley, was not present to give his report.

CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT: Topsoil was received by DesJarden Excavating instead of D & L Gembel. Price is more but a larger load was received.

TREASURER: The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for the month of May, 2021. Janet received the new laptop and printer and everything is working fine.

TOWNSHIP HALL: The Garden Historical Society wants to rent the hall in September. Sue stated the COVID restrictions may change in July. Security cameras were discussed for the interior and exterior of the hall. Gary will do more research and get back to the board with some options. The board also discussed allowing basketball again in the hall.

TRANSFER STATION: Brenda made a motion, seconded by Janet, to purchase a weed trimmer from Lund's Service not to exceed \$400.00. Roll Call Vote: Brenda – yes, Craig – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Gary – yes. Motion carried. Motion was made by Gary, seconded by Janet, to purchase one set of chaps, two helmets, and one pair of suspenders from Lund's Service; and a box of safety goggles from any vendor. Roll Call Vote: Sue – yes, Gary – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, and Janet – yes. Motion carried. Purchase of safety boots was tabled. Bill installed a new camera to try up at the transfer station and if it works out the township will reimburse him the cost. Discussion was held on the fees charged to non-township residents/property owners and the fees the township has to pay the landfill for all bulk items received and delivered to them. Craig talked to Mike Lang about Fairbanks joining Garden Township for the Transfer Station and he was told they aren't interested at this time. A motion was made by Brenda to raise the truckload price to \$20.00. The motion was not supported. A motion was made by Craig, seconded by Janet, to charge \$25.00 per truckload and charge the same fee to everyone for bulk items which includes township residents/property owners. Roll Call Vote: Janet – yes, Gary – no, Brenda – no,

Sue – no, and Craig – yes. Motion failed. A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Janet, to raise the price for non-township residents/property owners to \$4.00 per bag and increase the truckload price to \$25.00 effective July 1, 2021. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Gary – yes. Motion carried. Changes to fees charged for bulk items was tabled.

PARKS AND RECREATION: No new updates.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Appointed Supervisor, Gary Sporer gave his report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Signs:** Gary is still waiting to hear from Mike Lange regarding when the second phase will start.
- **Marq 6 Update:** No new updates
- **Purchase of State Land at Transfer Station:** Still pending.
- **Van's Harbor Street Lights:** Waiting on information from Cloverland.
- **American Rescue Plan:** There will be a direct payment to Garden Township of approximately \$70,000. The township must have DUNS and SAMS registrations in order to receive the payment which Gary will work on. The township is waiting for guidelines on how the money is to be spent and must be disbursed no later than December 31, 2024.
- **Chloride Treatment:** Gary stated the total cost for this summer will be approximately \$5,000.00 to \$6,000.00.
- **Road Repairs:** Road repairs for 18th Road, west end by the Golf Course, needs to be ground and graveled at a cost of about \$12,000.00 and then be seal coated next year at a cost of about \$20,000.00. Stevens Lake Road should also be considered at a cost of \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 to reseal. Jody Norman, Delta County Road Commission, told Gary that Van's Harbor Road (17th Road) is in the Village of Garden up until Winter Avenue and the township would be responsible after Winter Avenue to The Dock. The cost to reseal the township section would be about \$10,000.00. Decision on road repairs was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Equalization Agreement:** A motion was made by Gary, seconded by Janet, to accept and sign the updated five year Annual & Consulting Agreement with Delta County Equalization. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Gary – yes, Sue – yes, and Janet – yes. Motion carried.
- **Tri-County Fire Department:** Tabled.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Gary made a motion, seconded by Janet, to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester
Garden Township Clerk