

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**February 9, 2021**

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 p.m. by Township Supervisor, Gerry Tatrow. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

Prayer was given by Supervisor, Gerry Tatrow.

**Present:** Craig Potvin, Brenda Lester, Janet Feenstra-Daasch, Susan Rochefort, and Gerry Tatrow.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Audit Report was removed for the Clerk/Cemetery Report. A resolution for Written Appeals for Board of Review was added under Assessor Report. Treasurer/Hall Report was separated into their own category. Minutes for budget workgroup meetings for January 20, January 27, and February 3, 2021 were added under Approval of the Minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**MINUTES:** Sue made a motion, seconded by Janet, to approve the minutes from January 12, January 20, January 27, and February 3, 2021. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** None.

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

**REPORTS:**

***ASSESSOR'S REPORT:*** Assessor Report was given by Colleen Maki. Colleen explained to the board about Poverty Exemptions and how they work. Board of Review will be March 10, 2021 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and March 12, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

***FIRE DEPARTMENT:*** Chief Farley gave his report. The plow broke on the truck so Bill Harris will be plowing the fire and township halls until it repaired. A motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Craig, to order a Scott Thermal Imaging Machine not to exceed \$2,800.00 from Pomasl Fire Equipment. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Janet, to purchase six sets of Wildland Gear up to \$2,400.00. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

***CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT:*** The request for the annual Accident Fund Audit was received and will be completed by the Clerk.

***TREASURER:*** The Treasurer and Clerk balances agree for all funds.

***TOWNSHIP HALL:*** Nothing to report.

***TRANSFER STATION:*** The "To Do List" is still being worked on. A motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Brenda, to purchase two cameras for the Transfer Station at \$197.00 each. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. An increase in fees for large items, such as mattresses, computers, etc., was presented to the board for consideration but a motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Craig, to table this until a future meeting. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

***PARKS AND RECREATION:*** No report.

***SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:*** Gerry gave his report to the board. He's going to find out how payment of the new brush truck should be done.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Fire Signs:** Nothing will be done until the spring.
- **PILT Money Update:** No updates
- **Part-Time Employee:** We are still looking for a part-time employee for the Transfer Station and the Cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **MARQ-6 Internet:** They will present a contract in writing by Wednesday, February 17, 2021.
- **Board of Review Training:** Gerry, Tana Leckson, and Meghan Kelly will be taking the board of review training through the Michigan Township's Association.
- **Purchase of State Land at the Transfer Station:** A motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Janet, to purchase and pay for the land the Transfer Station pole building is located on from the State of Michigan in the amount \$1,500.00 plus the associated fees to record the deed once the official paperwork is received. Roll Call Vote: Sue -yes, Craig – yes, Janet – yes, Brenda – yes, and Gerry – yes. Motion carried.
- **Poverty Exemption:** A motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Janet, to comply with the poverty guidelines for poverty exemptions for 2021. Roll Call Vote: Janet – yes, Brenda – yes, Craig – yes, Sue – yes, and Gerry – yes. Motion carried.
- **Resolution to Accept Written Appeals for Board of Review:** A motion was made by Gerry, seconded by Brenda, to approve the resolution to accept written appeals for the Board of Review. Roll Call Vote: Janet – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Sue – yes, and Gerry – yes. Motion carried.
- **Sound System:** Craig will check with Dan of Marq 6 for assistance with buying a new sound system for the township hall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Janet made a motion, seconded by Gerry, to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester  
Garden Township Clerk