

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**December 8, 2020**

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m. by Township Supervisor, Gerry Tatrow. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

Prayer was given by Supervisor, Gerry Tatrow.

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

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Gerry Tatrow, seconded by Brenda Lester, to add Reports to the agenda. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

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

**MINUTES:** Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve minutes for the regular meeting held on November 10, 2020. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** Delayed until discussion regarding the brush truck for the Fire Department.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** There is a new Deputy Clerk, Mary Ann LeBresh. Brenda called U.P. Propane and the township is locked in at \$1.19 per gallon for the winter season. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Gerry, to approve the bills as submitted by the Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Sue – yes, Craig -yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, and Gerry – yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

***ASSESSOR’S REPORT:*** Assessor Report was given by Colleen Maki.

***FIRE DEPARTMENT:*** Chief Farley gave his report. The board was updated on the Tier III money of which there is approximately \$79,000 available. There is enough money in the escrow account and Tier III money to get a brush truck. A motion was made by Craig, seconded by Gerry, to purchase the truck from First Attack for the price of \$122,901.00. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Gerry, to pay the 2020 Fire Chief Association dues in the amount of \$35.00. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Sue – yes, Janet – yes, Brenda – yes, and Gerry – yes. Motion carried. The new radio system was approved by Delta County. A budget amendment will need to be completed before the brush truck is paid for. The window still needs to be replaced as well as the drywall in the office.

***CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT:*** Brenda is still working on the Transfer Station millage.

***TREASURER/TOWNSHIP HALL:*** The Treasurer and Clerk balances agree for all funds. The new deputy treasurer is Ilana Cooper.

***TRANSFER STATION:*** Nothing reported.

***PARKS AND RECREATION:*** Nothing reported.

***SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:*** Gerry gave his report to the board.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ***Fire Signs:*** A bill was received for the fire sign project. Gerry forwarded it to the Fire Sign Committee.
- ***New Truck for Transfer Station:*** The new plow truck has been picked up and paid for.
- ***PILT Money Update:*** Gerry updated the board.
- ***Transfer Station Position:*** Still pending. One application was received so far.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ***MARQ-6 Internet:*** Gerry has been trying to contact the representative and hasn't had any luck. Tabled.
- ***December Board of Review:*** Board of Review is scheduled for December 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
- ***Non-Statutory Board Member Assignments:*** Brenda will continue with the Cemetery. Janet will handle Parks & Recreation. Janet would be willing to mail the newsletter in the summer and winter taxes. Sue will take care of the township hall. The newsletter and website assignments are tabled until the January meeting.
- ***Payment of the New Brush Truck:*** Tabled.
- ***Donation to Peninsula Pioneers:*** Peninsula Pioneers will return the money to the township in the amount of \$1,200.00 that was sent to them for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration for 2020.
- ***New Board of Review Member:*** There is an additional alternate for Board of Review, Meghan Kelly.
- ***FY 2021/2022 Budget Meetings:*** Budget meetings are scheduled for January 19, 2021; January 26, 2021; February 2, 2021; and February 16, 2021 - all at 6:00 p.m.
- ***Old Plow Truck:*** Bill Harris bought the old Transfer Station plow truck for \$1,500.00

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Richard Pichette offered to come show the board how to set up the sound system.

Brenda made a motion, seconded by Gerry, to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester  
Garden Township Clerk