

**Record of Proceedings  
Minutes of the Carlisle Township Board of Trustees  
Special Meeting  
September 28, 2015**

The Carlisle Township Board of Trustees met on September 28, 2015 at 5:30 PM. In attendance: Trustee Robert White, Trustee James Wright, Trustee Berry Taylor, Fiscal Officer Kimberly Fallon, Administrative Assistant / Zoning Inspector William Oliver, and Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Innes. Three (3) people signed the attendance sheet.

Trustee White motioned to enter into executive session at 5:32PM to discuss potential disciplinary action of a public employee, seconded by Trustee Taylor; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.

Regular session was re-entered at 6:03PM with all Trustee's in attendance.

Trustee White apologized because the Board was under the impression that all adjoining residents and businesses had received notice of the potential vacation of Garford Road prior to the Boards decision to go forward with petitioning the Lorain County Commissioners. He pointed out to Mr. Combs that there is opposition to the vacation. Trustee White also mentioned that there was a viewing that the Commissioners were invited to but Mr. Combs was not in attendance. Mr. Combs stated he never received notice of the viewing.

Reverend Weldon indicated that the Churches opposition lies in the fact that if Garford Road is vacated, the property value of the church is decreased. This could be a hindrance if the Church were to decide to sell the property. He also stated that there are potential plans for elderly housing in which Garford Road would be required to have as an egress. Reverend Weldon stated that a feasibility study is being performed on the property; it could take years for the study to be complete which would put any potential developments off for quite a while. He suggested that eminent domain would have to be an option for the Township if the church would pursue development and Garford Road was required.

Assistant Prosecutor Jerry Innes questioned Mr. Combs if he was aware that there is a hearing on October 6<sup>th</sup> with the County Commissioners. His address was requested to make sure the correct address was on file for future notices. Mr. Innes stated that evidence would be heard at this hearing. He indicated that when there is opposition, the Commissioners are reluctant to vacate a road. The Commissioners would look at the detriment put upon parties involved and weigh them out; however, when there is opposition he hasn't seen the Commissioners vacate a road.

Trustee Wright questioned what hardship Mr. Combs would endure if Garford Road is not vacated. Mr. Combs indicated that over the past couple months he has had to support financially two properties due to his lack of sufficient building on his current property on Calann Drive. Recently, he received a variance for a building on his current property. He assumed that the Township would not want to pave Garford Road because it leads to woods. He indicated that he does not want the property because he does not want to pay the additional property taxes he would incur. He would like to see the woods cleaned up, as well as the ditch.

Trustee White requested Reverend Weldon help Mr. Combs out with cleaning out the wooded area next to the neighbors. Reverend Weldon stated he would clean up as much as possible, but he cannot

control what or who is putting items back there. He indicated that neighbors dump grass clippings and the like in the woods. He questioned if it was the Township's responsibility to take care of the ditch; he concurred with Mr. Combs that the smell is terrible, like sewage. Reverend Weldon stated that the church does its best to be a good neighbor; the church has put up a basketball hoop and volleyball net that the neighborhood children use. Mr. Combs is more than welcome to call the church if he has any questions or concerns.

After confirming with Mr. Combs that he no longer wants Garford Road vacated, Trustee White motioned to request from the Commissioners to withdraw the Boards petition to vacate Garford Road, seconded by Trustee Taylor; roll call, all ayes, motion carried.


Mr. Combs stated that he keeps hearing about opposition. He questioned that if the streets were to become active and he opposed would it carry any weight. He said he would oppose because of the health and safety of his family. Mr. Innes stated that it would be a different situation as Garford Road is already an established road. Reverend Weldon stated the he would encourage Mr. Combs to put up a fence if that were to happen.


Mr. Combs stated that he appreciates the Trustees and their professionalism and that he appreciates the church.


Trustee Taylor stated the road department will come out and take a look at the ditch; the health department may also have to be involved.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee Taylor, roll call: all ayes, meeting adjourned at 6:35 AM.

  
Trustee Berry Taylor

  
Trustee Robert White

  
Attested: Kimberly Fallon, Fiscal Officer

10/19/15  
Date

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Trustee James Wright