

Garfield Town Board Meeting & Public Hearing Meeting
April 21, 2026

Present: Chairman: Ed Gullickson
Supervisor: Dave Nelson
Supervisor: George Stroebel
Clerk: Sue Knutson
Treasurer: JoAnn Erickson

Residents/Citizens: 21

Meeting called to order by Chairman, Ed Gullickson, at 7:12 pm.

Public Comments: Jerry & Tammy Lyons inquired about using the shed for business while a new building is built. They stated they would not make physical improvements to the building while using it for temporary service. They were informed that any changes would need to be state inspected.

Nancy Millard asked about the music from Mix Up Waterside and about the owner(s) installing garage doors without a permit. Board stated that it needs to be notified of violations in order to do anything about a complaint. Millard commented on the lighting from Mix Up Waterside being so bright. Millard is also concerned about the lake and Mix Up Waterside grading has a large runoff into the lake. Board stated that is controlled by the DNR.

Liz Walter commented about the abandoned building in Wanderoos. Board stated that it is considered a historical building.

Road Construction Update – Sunrise Beach Drive: The trees in the right of way have been removed and some of the stumps have been ground down. A hill is going to be removed and that material will be used in a different spot on the road. Discussion regarding dead trees on the road that property owner would like removed.

Update from Planning Committee – Verizon Tower Request: Planning Committee had a split vote regarding construction of the cell phone tower. Peter S, from Terra Consulting, gave information to the Board. Discussion. Stroebel stated that most of the surrounding residents are against the construction of the cell tower in regards to health and sight issues. Gullickson asked how Verizon would improve the coverage if request is denied. Peter stated that the FCC issues licenses and regulates the power and safety issues. Peter explained how they find different locations for constructing towers. Dell Stone inquired about moving the tower farther east on the property. Peter stated that the owner and Verizon considered the location of tower. Stephanie Jansen inquired about why the residents haven't been given more time regarding this issue. Gullickson stated that the Board has followed the proper procedures. Jansen asked if the Board knows the difference between 2g, 3g, 5g. Residents verbally voiced their concerns. Board stated that the Town has to follow the State laws. Motion made and seconded to approve the construction and placement of the Verizon cell tower. Carried-unanimously.

Open Front Storage Building Upgrade: Discussion regarding the open front storage building on pouring a concrete base and replacing the side walls. Gullickson and Mark Knutson will get estimates for the building.

Polk County Changes to Shoreline Zoning: Board gave an update regarding the changes and what has been going on.

Other Business That May Come Before the Board: None.

Clerk's Report: Submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Vouchers: Submitted, signed and approved. Motion made and seconded to approve submitted vouchers. Carried-unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted and reviewed.

Approval of Monthly Board Minutes: Motion made and seconded to approve the April 21, 2026, Board minutes as submitted. Carried-unanimously.

Adjourn: Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting, 8:35 pm. Carried-unanimously.

Submitted by: Sue Knutson, Clerk