



members should have received. Board members briefly discussed the survey.

## 5. **Reports**

### a. **County Commissioner's Report (6:09)**

Commissioner Alisa Kroupa reported said that a budget meeting was held, but numbers were not forthcoming. Health care changes and city agreements will be reviewed. The County may also look at the sale of surplus property. The financial analyst found a \$12 million deficit and Chair Maxbauer has been in touch with the Office of Emergency Finance regarding checklists and help from the Emergency Managers. Standard & Poor has downgraded the County this year and meetings are ongoing to discuss the county's bond rating. The County is still searching for an HR Director. RFP's have gone out to contract out all or some of the services of the Resource Recovery Department. She reported that the Easling Pool has been temporarily closed until such time that they can come up with a plan to reopen it.

### b. **Treasurer's Report (6:21)**

Blood Law submitted her report in writing and reviewed a few major changes with Board members. She commented that township finances are stable and this is the first year since 2008 that all personal property taxes were collected.

### c. **Clerk's Report (6:24)**

McManus reported that letters were sent out to Garfield Township election workers regarding the March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 election and she is looking for new election workers. All responses to the RFPs for updated election equipment have been rejected by the state and an updated RFP answering questions that had been asked has been resent. New election equipment may be forthcoming at the end of 2016.

### d. **Supervisor's Report (6:26)**

Korn reported that Brookside Commons will have a grand opening soon and that Buffalo Ridge is on track for an opening in early December. There is a new owner at Ashland Park. Korn indicated that Greenspire School would like to increase enrollment and that would require Red Drive to loop around which will require TBAISD's cooperation and legislative action to acquire more property. TC Talus has put the Hartman Hammond Bridge project at the top of its list for needed transportation projects. The Road Commission and most townships are in agreement on that matter.

### e. **Personnel Committee (6:29)**

Korn asked the Board to terminate the employment of Lisa Ritter. There have been a number of issues and she is aware of those issues. The Personnel Committee has met with her on at least two occasions regarding the problems. Two board members expressed surprise since they had not known of any problems with the employee.

*Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to terminate the employment of Lisa Ritter with Garfield Township and pay severance through November 20<sup>th</sup> in exchange for an agreement signed by Ritter not to pursue any legal action against the Township.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Blood Law, Wilson, Agostinelli, Featherstone, McManus, Korn  
Nays: None*

McManus will draft an ad for a replacement.

**f. Construction Report (6:37)**

Jennifer Hodges reported that the Cedar Run/Harris Road water main is completed and working with Elmer's on that project has been wonderful. Pump Station #3 bids are out for an upgrade and the RFP's for work on Station #1 are out. She added that many plan reviews are ongoing.

**6. Unfinished Business**

None

**7. New Business**

**a. Consideration of awarding of trail plowing bids for 2015-2016 (6:42)**

There were two bids for the plowing of Township trails and Board members expressed disappointment at the low number of bids. Agostinelli has been in contact with three other companies who would like to bid on the project. Board members also talked about consistencies in the bids and coordination of effort with neighboring communities. The Board will take up discussion of this item again at the next meeting when more bids are submitted.

**8. Public Comment: (6:50)**

Marion Brady of NW Silver Lake Road commented on short term rentals.

**9. Other Business (6:55)**

The used township truck has been placed on the website and on Craigslist for bids.

**10. Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.*



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