

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 10, 2017**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Board Members

Present: Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Steve Duell, Dan Walters (6:12) and Chuck Korn

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:07)

Blood Law moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Blood Law, Schmuckal, Agostinelli, Duell, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

December 13, 2016 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$865,535.66
(Recommend Approval)	

c. Building Department 2016 Statement of Operations and Annual Report (Receive and File)

d. MTT Report (Receive and File)

e. 2016 Zoning Department Activities (Receive and File)

f. PD 2017-01 Ashland Park Major Amendment Request – Introduce and schedule for public hearing for February 14, 2017 (Recommend Approval)

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

Yeas: *Agostinelli, Blood Law, Duell, Schmuckal, McManus, Korn*

Nays: *None*

4. **Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:03)**

5. **Correspondence (6:03)**

- a. Email from Jeanne Esch – Barlow Street
- b. Email for Ty Smith – Barlow Street
- c. Email from Gary Howe – Barlow Street
- d. Email from Chris Hinze – Barlow Street
- e. Email from Evan Dailey – Barlow Street

6. **Reports**

a. **Construction Report (6:04)**

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie Fraser said that next month will be busy since she will be presenting options for a new water tank to be located in the north section of the township and closing out the project on pump #3. There may be a grant available to help with the Cass Road water district.

b. **Sheriff's Report (6:09)**

Chris Barsheff *presented* statistics and the numbers are consistent with the last couple of years. Garfield Township averaged 40% of all calls county wide. He mentioned that the sheriff's department is trying to be more efficient with civil calls. They are also trying a new "Hot Spot" policing method where a car is parked in a location to deter crime while the officer does paperwork. The department worked the toys for tots collection and held an active shooter training.

c. **GT Metro Fire Department Report (6:19)**

Deputy Chief Steve Apostle talked about the events in his written report. He also said that all Metro Fire Board meetings will now be broadcast on the Up North media channels. The Annual Report will be presented next month and preliminary numbers show a decrease in calls by 100 from last year.

d. **County Commissioner's Report (6:24)**

Cheryl Gore Follett said that there was an organizational meeting which named Carol Crawford as chair. She asked *the* board to let her know what she could do for them and hopes to continue working on pension issues and other issues leftover from 2016.

e. **Personnel Committee Report (6:26)**

Schmuckal said that Deputy Planner Brian VanDenBrand submitted a letter of resignation to take a position as Planner at Peninsula Township.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to accept the letter of resignation from VanDenBrand with regret.

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Duell, Blood Law, Walters, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

Schmuckal also noted that the Deputy Planner Job Description has been updated and is ready for posting. She asked for board approval to post the vacancy with MAP, APA, MML and MTA as well as the Township website. She also said that the position is a union position.

Agostinelli moved and Duell seconded to place the ads in the outlets listed above.

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Duell, McManus, Blood Law, Walters, Schmuckal, Korn
Nays: None*

f. Clerk's Report (6:31)

In addition to financials submitted in the packet, McManus added that there will likely be an election in May for a BATA millage.

g. Supervisor's Report (6:33)

Korn reported that there have been further discussions with Northflight. He spoke to the city regarding the LaFranier tank which needs to be refurbished. A dispute was settled with Sonny's Body Shop regarding their driveway and the Barlow Street discussion should take place in the future. Board members would like more information on the Barlow Street project before taking any action. *Agostinelli suggested that the building committee take on the Barlow Street discussion.*

7. Unfinished Business (6:38)

8. New Business

a. Presentation by Harry Burkholder – LIAA/UpNorth Media Update (6:41)

Harry Burkholder introduced Courtney Jerome, the new Station Manager. Courtney Jerome showed a media presentation which showed the coverage area, funding, how to access LIAA, its services, and its community outreach programs. She added that there were over 5000 hours of programming last year. Franchise agreements will be renewed in 2017.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2016-1-T, a resolution approving the financial institutions with which the Township Treasurer will do business with in 2017. (6:53)

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli supported to approve Resolution

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*Yeas: Schmuckal, Agostinelli, Duell, McManus, Blood Law, Walters, Korn
Nays: None*

c. Consideration of Purchase of Real Estate – Fern Spence – 1430 Wayne Street (6:55)

The Township was presented with an opportunity to purchase Property located at 1430 Wayne Street near Hickory Hills.

Korn said that this would be sold to the township as recreational land which would connect the Hickory Hills and Incochee neighborhoods. It was thought that if the township purchased the property, the city would remove the pedestrian restrictions on the deed, but Korn said that the city told him that the deed restriction would not be lifted. Giving the property to the Joint Recreational Authority was another option which was presented to the township board. Board members discussed the piece of property and a possible purchase. Fern Spence spoke to the board and said that many use the property to walk through to Hickory Meadows from Incochee. She gave board members a timeline of how the pedestrian restriction was placed on the property. She mentioned that the township could just “own” the property and not do anything with it and still be within all legalities. The board would need answers which include if the Recreational Authority was even interested in the property, the cost of the property, a survey with diagrams of all easements and an attorney review. Fern Spence assured board members that she would obtain a survey with diagrams.

9. Public Comment: (7:26)

10. Other Business (7:26)

Schmuckal asked for copies of what was proposed on Barlow and asked if the township would be included in any discussions regarding the street. The Building Committee needs to meet and will agree upon a time via email. Duell recommends that the Parks Commission look into making an ice rink at Silver Lake Park.

11. Adjournment (7:33)

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm.



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