

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 29, 2016**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on November 29, 2016 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, Dan Walters, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

1. Public Comment (6:01)

Brandon Gardner, an attorney with Grand Rapids Cannabis Attorneys commented on the new medical marijuana facilities act and said he has a client who would like to have a provisional center license in Garfield Township.

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:08)

a. Minutes

November 15, 2016 Study Session (Recommend Approval)

November 15, 2016 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund \$274,588.34

(Recommend Approval)

**c. PD 2016-72 SUP-1990-10-L – Crown Transient Residential Dwellings –
Withdrawn (Receive and File)**

d. ZBA Minutes from October 18, 2016 (Receive and File)

**e. Garfield Township Budgets for 2017 (General Fund, Fire Fund, Public
Improvement Fund, Budget Stabilization Fund, DPW Fund, Park System
Fund, Street Light Fund, and Special Assessment District Fund)
(Recommend Approval)**

**f. IFT Hearing application for RJG Technologies Inc. at 3111 Park Drive –
Schedule for Public Hearing for December 13, 2016 (Recommend Approval)**

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

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:10)

None

5. Correspondence (6:10)

6. Reports

a. GT Metro Fire Department Report (6:10)

Assistant Fire Chief Steve Apostle reviewed the Metro runs from November 2016. He added that out of the 400 runs in the three townships, 80 were fire related. Questions about marihuana growing operations and fire safety were asked by Board members.

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:15)

Commissioner Alisa Kroupa reported that she has briefly reviewed the 2017 budget and it appears that the county has an approximate deficit of \$2 million. She attended an Economic Development Corporation meeting and they are looking for new board members. The bell tower will be turned off from 10:00pm to 7:00am in compliance with the city noise ordinance. The Commission on Aging is proposing to rollback its millage by nearly a third and make some changes without decreasing their services.

c. Personnel Committee Report

No report

d. Clerk's Report (6:24)

Lanie McManus said that the Board of Canvassers have finalized the General Election results election in the Township and that the state of Michigan may have a presidential election recount initiated by the Green Party.

e. Supervisor's Report (6:25)

Korn reported that the Cass Road drainage group met and there is a draft plan in place. Cass Road will be rebuilt into three lanes with a storm sewer in the middle lane.

7. Unfinished Business (6:28)

a. Consideration of Resolution 2016-29-T, Resolution to amend the DPW Maintenance and Operation Budget for the current year

John Divozzo from the DPW said that the City of Traverse City has been billed the Township for water. The amount invoiced exceeds the budgeted amount. He is asking for a budget amendment to increase the amount of the budget by \$350,000. The township needs to approve this proposed amendment. Much of

the cost is due to overdue maintenance. Board members discussed the matter at length and talked about disputing the invoices, the meters and how the water usage is charged. Korn said that the funds would come from the water fund and not from the Township's general fund.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal supported to adopt Resolution 2016-29-T, resolution to amend the DPW Maintenance and Operation Budget for the Current Year.

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

Korn added that there is a meeting on December 8th to negotiate Wastewater Treatment Plant expenses.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Resolution 2016-23-T, a Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Featherstone for his 28 years of dedicated service (6:58)

Schmuckal moved and Duell supported to adopt Resolution 2016-23-T, a Resolution of Appreciation for Robert Featherstone for his 28 years of dedicated service.

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

Korn presented a framed copy of the resolution to Bob Featherstone's family.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2016-31-T, a Resolution of Approval of Computerized Tax Roll (7:00)

Blood Law said that there is no need to print out thousands of pages of tax rolls anymore since the County Treasurer will have an electronic copy as will the Township Treasurer. There is no cost for this service.

Agostinelli moved and Walters seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-31-T, a Resolution of Approval of Computerized Tax Roll.

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

c. Discussion relating to Medical Marihuana (7:02)

Korn said that the new law creates five facility types: Grower, Processer, Secure Transporter, Provisioning Center, and Safety Compliance Facility. All allowed under the new act. The State of Michigan and LAARA will set up the final rules and regulations pertaining to each category. The Board decided to take a wait and see approach and let the State set up the regulations and then gather more information on the matter.

d. Discussion relating to GT Metro and Ambulance service (7:14)

McManus said she and Blood Law went to a fire board meeting and shared concerns regarding tax appeals, ambulance contracts and housing emergency personnel. Townships are charged on the highest tax rate and then tax tribunals many times decrease the overall tax base in the Township. Metro Chief Pat Parker commented that North Flight has a contract with the city and is also committed to having two 911 ambulances in place for the Township. Metro will go on all major calls. Blood Law said that the township should begin to consider its emergency services in light of East Bay Township's decision to adopt Advanced Life Support ambulance service. Parker said that more information needs to be gathered on the entire matter.

9. Public Comment: (7:52)

Sue Boyko from North Flight EMS apologized for not communicating directly with the Township. She would like a contract with the Township and said that North Flight is committed to providing excellent service. At future meetings she will work to address concerns.

Brandon Gardner, cannabis attorney, commented that he would like the Board to decide on the direction of the marijuana legislation in the Township.

10. Other Business (8:00)

Schmuckal asked if Blood Law could meet with North Flight to discuss improvements and a contract.

Agostinelli inquired about appointing new board members to committees.

Dan Walters said he would be interested in serving on the Fire Board.

11. Adjournment (8:02)

Schmuckal *moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm.*



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