

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD SPECIAL MEETING**  
**January 26, 2016**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on January 26, 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, Lanie McManus, Chuck Korn, Jeane Blood Law, Bob Featherstone, and Kit Wilson

Staff Present: Rob Larrea

**1. Public Comment (6:01)**

*Wade Mariage* commented on the vacation rentals and how the subject was handled by the Planning Commission.

*Jack Nolan* commented on the vacation rental home decision process.

*Kelly Kazmierski* commented on the vacation home rental decision.

*Jim Bock* commented on the vacation home rentals.

*Don Pahl* commented on the vacation home rental situation.

*John LeJeune* commented on the vacation home rentals.

*Eileen Ganter* commented on the speed limit on Randolph Street in Garfield Township.

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:27)**

Korn added item 3 D - DPW Budget Amendment to the Consent Calendar.

*Agostinelli moved and Featherstone seconded to approve the agenda as presented.*

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Featherstone, Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, McManus, Korn*

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:27)**

**a. Minutes**

January 12, 2016 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

**b. Acceptance of Close-Out Documents for Carson Square water and sewer project and turn over to County DPW for operation and maintenance (Recommend Approval)**

- c. **PD Report 2016-08 – Report from Planning Commission regarding Vacation Home Rentals in Silver Lake District (Recommend Approval)**
- d. **DPW Budget Amendment (Recommend Approval)**

Blood Law asked to remove consent calendar item C for more discussion.

*Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Blood Law, Wilson, Featherstone, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn*

*Nays: None*

4. **Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

- a. **PD Report 2016-08 – Report from Planning Commission regarding Vacation Home Rentals in Silver Lake District**

Blood-Law questioned a letter provided by a member of the audience that was written by the former zoning administrator Jim Reardon, to homeowner James Bock, regarding weekly rentals on Silver Lake. Board members commented on the weekly rental issue and the process that the Planning Commission took in arriving at their decision. Board members concluded that weekly rentals were not geared towards neighborhoods and the residents who want a neighborhood feel. Wilson spoke about the process that the Planning Commission undertook and how they arrived at their decision. She said that no issue was neglected and that the Commission took its time and listened to everyone representing all sides of the matter. The Board asked for direction on the matter and received that direction from the Planning Commission.

*Wilson moved and Schmuckal seconded to ACCEPT AND CONCUR with the Planning Commission's recommendation to continue to prohibit vacation home rentals in Sections 30 and 31, as described by and for the reasons set forth in PD Report No. 2016-08.*

*Yeas: Wilson, Schmuckal, Featherstone, McManus, Korn*

*Nays: Blood Law, Agostinelli*

5. **Correspondence**

- a. Email from Dave Cannon that was handed out by Kit Wilson

**6. Reports****a. Sheriff's Report (6:51)**

Sheriff Tom Bensley reported that Judge Stanton would like to see more police officers in the courtroom. He added that this may result in some staffing issues. He said the department has a 2016 budget that he is comfortable with and there are no easy answers in the Animal Control issue. He also stated that the sidewalks along LaFranier hill needed to be addressed for snow removal. Agostinelli asked about the cost to the township for a new officer.

**b. County Commissioner's Report (7:00)**

County Commissioner Christine Maxbauer said the new Deputy Administrator is Jen DeHaan and she is already looking at reviewing purchasing policies in the county. She shared concerns with the possible passage of Senate Bill #679 which would result in compulsory arbitration for county corrections officers. She said it could be costly for counties. The county is also discussing software issues and the proposed millage to help fund the County Veteran's Administration.

**c. Planning Commissioner's Report (7:11)**

Wilson said that the Planning Commission discussed Larrea's report on the rentals.

**f. Treasurer's Report (6:23)**

Blood Law shared the report in the packet. She also asked for approval to sign the Summer School Property Tax Agreement with TBAISD.

*Schmuckal moved to authorize the Township Treasurer to sign the Summer School Property Tax Agreement between Garfield Township and TBAISD. Wilson seconded the motion.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, McManus, Featherstone,  
Agostinelli, Korn*

*Nays: None*

**g. Clerk's Report (7:14)**

McManus said that they have been busy with absentee ballots and will be sending them out. She added that if anyone is running for a local office in the township, the deadline to submit all paperwork to the Township Clerk is April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**h. Supervisor's Report (7:15)**

Korn reported that he spoke to the DPW and to the Road Commission and it would be very difficult to maintain the LaFranier sidewalk for a safe walking surface. After discussion, he said he would gather some prices for snow removal on that sidewalk. The speed machine was put on the

stretch of Randolph Street in question and data indicates that speed limit could drop to a lower level. He will talk to the Road Commission and the State Police. He indicated that there is still ongoing discussion of the Animal Control situation and the grand opening for the Boardman Lake complex and Brookside will be this Friday. He added that the MTA conference was useful.

7. **Unfinished Business**

8. **New Business**

9. **Public Comment: (7:24)**

*Tom Bensley* commented on the speed limit on Randolph Street in Garfield Township.

*Kelly Kazmierski* commented on the vacation home rentals.

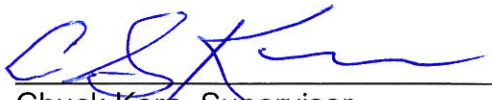
*Mike Groleau* commented on the vacation rental home survey.

10. **Other Business (7:30)**

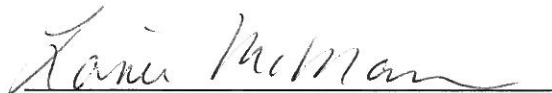
Schmuckal inquired about the process for changing the speed limit on Randolph Street and since it is near park land, it could be done without question. Korn asked to go through the process with the State Police since he did not want to set a precedent on automatically lowering a speed limit next to park lands.

11. **Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm.*



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