

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2015

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on February 24, 2015 at 6:04 p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members

Present: Bob Featherstone, Kit Wilson, Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, Lanie McManus, and Chuck Korn

Staff Present: Rob Larrea

1. Public Comment (6:05)

None

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

Korn asked to add "Building Committee Report" under Reports as item 5.f.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None

Since there was no one there from LIAA to record the meeting, Korn recommended that the Board go into closed session at this time to discuss item 6.a. – Discussion of Purchases of Real Estate for Parks and Water Infrastructure Projects.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded that the Board go into closed session at 6:08 p.m. to discuss agenda item 6.a.

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

Nays: None

The LIAA representative arrived at 6:30 p.m. and began videotaping.

The closed session ended and the meeting was brought back to order by Korn at 6:59 p.m.

Schmuckal moved Wilson seconded to enter into an agreement with the Grand Traverse Land Conservancy to purchase the Templeton property and reimburse the Conservancy for its purchase price.

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

Nays: None

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to pursue NorthWest Tank Option #2 for Water Tank Property and Easement Acquisition.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (7:04)

a. Minutes

February 10, 2015

(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund

\$460,352.79

(Recommend Approval)

- c. PD 2015-16 – Frank Hayes – Proposed Conditional Rezoning from C-2 General Commercial District to MUIBD-G General Mixed-Use Industrial Business District subject to a conditional rezoning agreement. Introduce and schedule for public hearing on March 24, 2015. (Recommend Approval)**

d. PD 2015-18 – 2014 Annual Report (Receive and File)

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

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

Nays: None

4. Correspondence (7:06)

McManus received a letter from MDOT which she shared with the board members.

The letter announced a Transportation Planning Meeting on March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

5. Reports

a. Construction Report (7:10)

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie Fraser thanked the Board for approving the motion to proceed with Option #2 for acquiring property for a water tank. She will provide an updated cost estimate at the next meeting. Hodges will attend a meeting regarding the LaFranier Road project and is still working on pump replacement costs with the DPW. She will bring updated cost analysis on both items to the next meeting.

b. County Commissioner's Report (7:11)

Commissioner Alisa Kroupa said that the county is looking for a part-time

soil erosion person. A soil erosion ad-hoc committee has been put into place to rewrite the soil erosion ordinance and handle the hiring of a new inspector. Budgeting for Outcomes will be presented to the County in March and more than two dozen county departments will be studied. The county hopes to achieve better output and service and come up with some new structural ideas. The Commission on Aging is looking into moving into the basement of the county building. Kroupa has also met with the Dam Implementation Team and the fundraising part of the team and received some answers regarding the cost of a Cass Road bridge and is disappointed at cost estimates that will need to be borne by the County and Township. The County contract that was in place expires in August if substantial progress has not been made on a bridge. She is thankful that the Township acted now on the bridge resolutions and did not wait to begin a dialogue regarding the bridge. No one has stepped up thus far to help fund any bridge project.

c. Personnel Committee Report (7:20)

No report

d. Clerk's Report (7:20)

McManus reported that she is getting ready to send out 2,500 absentee ballots for a May election. RFP's have been posted for new elections equipment by the state. She is unsure how much it will cost the township to replace its old election equipment since there will be some federal money made available, but she said that it may be \$7,000 - \$10,000 per precinct and the board should plan to budget for this item. She will keep the Board updated on the cost.

e. Supervisor's Report (7:01)

Korn said that TC Talus is reorganizing itself and hoping to become a true Transportation Planning organization. Metro Fire has accepted a new RFQ for a new legal firm. He also commented on the Cass Road bridge project and the contract that was signed by the former County Commission.

f. Building Committee Report (7:03)

Bill Mouser said the second bidder has been contacted in regards to the parking lot project which was not started last year by the lowest bidder. They agreed to honor their contract in the amount of \$25,580 and will complete the project this spring. He has a letter of confirmation from that bidder. He also stated that the whole parking lot should be looked at for general maintenance due to frost heave in addition to the planned striping.

6. Unfinished Business

a. Discussion of Purchases of Real Estate for Parks and Water Infrastructure Projects (Recommend to go into Closed Session)

b. Emergency Exit Access (7:08)

Agostinelli said that the Building Committee met with Eckler Building Solutions regarding canopies over two exits and they bid \$31,400 for both entrances and an extra \$4,300 to heat the sidewalk near a third lower level exit and an extra \$11,800 for a canopy over that same exit. The structures would be steel and would not be attached to the building. The entire process would take approximately 10-12 weeks from Board approval. Board members discussed what work to do at this time.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to complete the two canopies and the heated sidewalk at a total cost of \$35,700 to be completed by Eckler Building Solutions.

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

7. New Business**a. Public Hearing – PD Report No. 2015-19 – Proposed Second Amendment to 5-Year Parks and Recreation Plan. (7:20)**

Larrea said that there are two elements of the amendment. The first is to recognize TART Trails' planned Boardman River Trail and to incorporate the river itself into the plan as a "water trail." The second is to update the Township's land acquisition plan to identify properties near to Hickory Meadows. Incorporation of these two goals into the park plan will greatly improve funding chances. Korn opened the public hearing at 7:22 pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing.

Featherstone moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-03-T Resolution Adopting Amendment #2 to the Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan.

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

b. Consideration of Contract for Community Police Officers (7:25)

Korn said that this new agreement is for all 13 positions in the Township. The difference this year is approximately 2% and in the future, the difference will be a cost of living or a 5% cap. It just needs to be taken to the County Commission for their approval as well. Board members asked questions and discussed the new contract and agreed that this agreement worked out well for both the County and for the Township.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to authorize Supervisor Korn to sign the Interlocal Agreement for Supplemental Sheriff Law Enforcement Services on behalf of the Township.

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

8. Public Comment: (7:39)

None

9. Other Business (7:39)

10. Adjournment

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40



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