

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**February 9, 2016**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on February 9, 2016 at 6:01 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, and Kit Wilson

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone

Staff Present: Brian VanDenBrand

**1. Public Comment (6:02)**

*Eileen Ganter* of Randolph Street commented on the Randolph Street speed limit.  
*J. Carl Ganter* of Randolph Street spoke regarding the speed on the township's section of Randolph Street.

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:10)**

Agostinelli asked to add Randolph Street Speed Limit discussion to New Business and also to add an email from Eileen Ganter under correspondence.

*Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to approve the agenda as amended.*

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

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6)**

**a. Minutes**

January 26, 2016 Meeting (Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$273,977.36</b>
<b>(Recommend Approval)</b>	

**Gourdie-Fraser**

<b>Developer's Escrow Fund</b>	<b>250.00</b>
<b>Utility Receiving Fund</b>	<b>\$1,265.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,515.00</b>

- c. **MTT Report (receive and File)**
- d. **Oak Terrace Drive – GTCRC Opinion – SAD Cost Estimates (receive and File)**

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

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

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

#### 5. Correspondence

- a. **Email from Eileen Ganter**

#### 6. Reports

##### a. **Construction Report (6:14)**

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie-Fraser reviewed and updated the board members on cost estimates for the improvements to the northwest water main infrastructure. She noted an increase of approximately 35% in some materials for Phase III with costs to increase to around \$250,000.

##### b. **Sheriff's Report (6:17)**

Deputy Chris Barsheff reported that in January 2016, there were 1,237 calls for service making up 42% of all the calls in the county. Next month the Sheriff's Department is hosting active shooter training sessions, and hopes to educate the community on such an occurrence. Community officers will be making contact with all businesses in March. He also noted that the suspect in the Next Door Food Store robbery was found the same day.

##### c. **County Commissioner's Report (6:25)**

County Commissioner Christine Maxbauer updated board members on PA 269 which states that local officials cannot contact voters with information regarding ballot issues. She went to a Council of Governments meeting and expressed concerns with revenue sharing. The Grand Traverse County Board is going to hold twice monthly full board meetings. A public hearing will be scheduled regarding combining the positions of County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

##### d. **Treasurer's Report (6:34)**

No Report

##### e. **Clerk's Report (6:34)**

The Clerk submitted a written report. McManus said the Clerk's office is busy with ballots.

**f. Supervisor's Report (6:34)**

Korn reported that he received a quote in regards to the sidewalks on LaFranier Road and the cost to maintain the same. Board members discussed maintenance and liability. Julie Clark from TART trails said that they leave about an inch of snow on their trails and some people may be litigious. Korn will get it in writing from the attorney his recommendation of not clearing the sidewalks in the winter. Korn also said he attended a meeting to discuss the future metropolitan planning organization which TC Talus could eventually move into.

**7. Unfinished Business****a. Public Hearing – PD 2016-14 – Consideration of Resolution #2016-01-T, Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 68 (6:44)**

Brian VanDenBrand said that the new zoning ordinance was adopted in early 2015 and at this time the Planning Commission has identified a few amendments to the ordinance which include allowing multi family apartments in commercial zoning districts; an amendment to Section 313 which allows child care facilities for up to 12 children as a use permitted subject to special conditions in certain districts and an amendment to repeal multi-family developments and group housing developments from the list of uses which are subject to supplemental setback requirements; an amendment which amends the required minimum lot area from 5000 to 4000 sq feet of overall lot area per dwelling unit; and some other small housekeeping for language and cross referencing.

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:53pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

*Schmuckal moved and Blood Law supported THAT Resolution 2016-01-T, to amend Charter Township of Garfield Zoning Ordinance No. 68, BE APPROVED.*

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

*Nays: None*

**8. New Business****a. Presentation regarding Boardman Lake Trail Project (Julie Clark) (6:54)**

Julie Clark, Director of TART Trails, updated board members on the TART trails loop for Boardman Lake. A Coastal Zone Management grant was awarded and a design firm had been hired. Public input will be sought throughout the design process. They will be working with the city, county and the township until July and will provide a preliminary design, and a plan for trail maintenance. She went over the scheduled meetings that will be taking place and mentioned that they are excited to get the trail project moving.

**b. Buffalo Ridge Trail Phase II – PD 2016-15 – Consideration of construction bills (7:03)**

Phase two of the Buffalo Ridge Trail will extend further south from the school to reach the new “Y” on Silver Lake Road as well as Kid’s Creek Park. In 2013, the Township received a Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund grant which will fund 74% of the project. Fours bids were received and AJ’s Excavating came in very close to the projected budget. The Township will be reimbursed 74% back after paying up front costs for the project out of the parks budget.

*Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded THAT the Township Board accept the AJ’s Excavating Bid for construction of Phase II of the Buffalo Ridge Trail, including Alternates Nos. 1 and 4 for a total contract price of \$274,186.96.*

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

**c. PD 2016-16 TB Resolution #2016-07-T, Budget Amendment (7:11)**

Board members deferred any action on this agenda item.

**d. ZBA Appointment – Lynne Fricke – 15 year resident – Facilities Manager – Chemical Bank (7:11)**

The Board discussed the appointment of Fricke and concurred with Supervisor Korn’s recommendation to appoint Lynne Fricke to fill the unexpired term of Joe Yelencich through December 31, 2016.

**e. Randolph Street Speed Limit (7:13)**

Agostinelli said the lowered speed limit makes sense and it would be easy to concur with the Road Commission recommendation. Board members discussed the matter and studied the maps. Garth Greenan of the Road Commission talked about the matter and gave some history of the speed limit and why it is only 25 in one direction. If the township concurs, the 25 mph speed limit becomes the speed limit. Another option is for the board to take no action and to have a speed study done.

*Wilson moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt the recommendation and concur with the Road Commission regarding the 25mph speed limit.*

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

**9. Public Comment: (7:30)**

John Wixil of Randolph Street thanked the Board for concurring with the Road Commission on the speed limit.

10. **Other Business (7:31)**

11. **Adjournment**

Schmuckal moved to adjourn at 7:31pm.



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