

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 22, 2016

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on March 22, 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: Denise Schmuckal, Kit Wilson, Jeane Blood Law and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone, Molly Agostinelli, Lanie McManus

Staff Present: Brian VanDenBrand

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:02)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

March 8, 2016 Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$271,762.96
(Recommend Approval)	

c. 2015 Annual Planning Report (Receive and File)

d. Reappointment of Carol Hale to Grand Traverse Commons Joint Planning Commission (Recommend Approval)

Wilson moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the consent calendar as presented.

Yeas: Wilson, Schmuckal, Blood Law, Korn

Nays: None

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

5. Correspondence

None

6. Reports**a. County Commissioner's Report (6:03)**

Christine Maxbauer informed board members that Prosecutor Bob Cooney is forming a task force to look at the serious heroin problem in Traverse City and welcomes any ideas. The County is still trying to tackle the issue of unfunded pension liability and Grand Traverse County is one of the worst in the state for the liability. One commissioner mentioned serving on the commission without compensation. After doing more research and asking about how the city has spent road millage funds, Maxbauer said she will vote to have the millage renewal on the ballot in the fall. Wilson commented that leading by example regarding compensation was admirable.

b. Personnel Committee Report (6:11)

Schmuckal said the ad has appeared in the Record Eagle for the vacant Zoning Administrator position and the deadline to apply is Friday, March 25th. The committee hopes to review applications on Monday March 28th.

c. Treasurer's Report (6:12)

Blood Law said that the first state shared revenue payment was down by 3% however, the overall projected funding was still on track.

d. Clerk's Report (6:13)

No Report

e. Supervisor's Report (6:13)

Korn reported that the DPW, City and township met regarding the proposed bulk water agreement and will continue discussions. He attended the TART Open House for the Boardman Lake Trail and reviewed a plan for ambulance service at the Metro Board meeting. He added that TC Talus has reorganized and has changed their name to Traverse Transportation Coordinating Initiative.

7. Unfinished Business**a. Public Hearing - Consideration of Resolution 2016-09-T(a), a Resolution to Create Oak Terrace Road Special Assessment District and order preparation of Special Assessment Roll (6:18)**

Korn said that the township can contribute 25% to the project and the Road Commission will match that. Residents are to cover half.

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:21pm.

Wayne Fisher shared concerns with the state of the road in an emergency situation.

Steve McPherson of Oak Terrace Drive asked about the financial split among property owners, the width of the street and expressed that he did not wish to pay for others living on the road which connected to Oak Terrace. He also asked the 25 mph sign be posted.

Chris Longcor spoke about a tree on his property that may need to be removed.

Korn closed the Public Hearing at 6:29pm.

Board members discussed how the assessments were derived and the board wanted to ensure that the residents got what they wanted in terms of road width. Board members also discussed the term of the Special Assessment.

Schmuckal moved and Wilson supported to adopt Resolution 2016-09-T(a), a resolution to Create Oak Terrace Road Special Assessment District with the option for crush and shape for a seven year term.

Yeas: Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, Korn
Nays: None

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to ask the Road Commission to post 25 mile per hour speed limit signs on Oak Terrace Drive.

Yeas: Schmuckal, Wilson, Blood Law, Korn
Nays: None

Blood Law said that after the project is completed, the speed warning machine could be placed on the road to deter speeders as well.

8. New Business

a. PD 2016-25 – Consideration of Resolution 2016-12-T, A Resolution establishing a temporary moratorium on C-P, Planned Shopping Center sign permits (6:54)

VanDenBrand said that the ZBA recently approved three variances which may contradict the Township's goals in regulating mall signage. Signage in the C-P District is subject to Planning Commission approval, but the ordinance does not describe detailed regulations such as size, location, etc. This moratorium would allow the township time to revise the zoning regulations so that the township can retain control of allowable signs in the C-P district. The Planning Commission will review the first draft of ordinance changes on March 23 and may schedule a public hearing on the changes on April 13. Wilson commented that recently, the Planning Commission has been approving a building, but not any signage which was sketched onto the drawing of the building.

Wilson moved to adopt Resolution 2016-12-T a Resolution Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on C-P Planned Shopping Center Sign Permits. Blood Law supported the motion.

Yeas: Wilson, Blood Law, Schmuckal, Korn

Nays: None

b. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding for the Boardman Lake Trail (7:00)

Korn said that his is an agreement that states that Garfield Township will work with TART, the City of Traverse City, and Grand Traverse County to participate in the design process, identify funding sources, and support outreach efforts on behalf of the Boardman Lake Trail. Korn stated that there is no financial commitment in this MOU.

Blood Law moved and Schmuckal seconded to authorize Supervisor Korn to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Boardman Lake Trail on behalf of the township.

Yeas: Blood Law, Schmuckal, Wilson, Korn

Nays: None

c. Consideration of purchase of real estate (recommend going into closed session) (7:03)

Korn moved and Schmuckal supported to go into closed session at 7:04 pm.

Yeas: Korn, Schmuckal, Blood Law, Wilson

Nays: None

Wilson moved and Blood Law seconded to return to the Regular meeting at 7:18 pm.

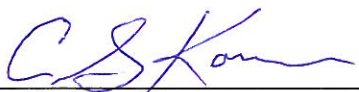
9. Public Comment: (7:03)

None

10. Other Business (7:18)

11. Adjournment

The Supervisor adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.



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