



from KLM. She has spoken to the company regarding the very tardy bill and said the budget may need to be amended to cover the 2017 costs.

*Walters moved and Agostinelli seconded to pay the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$46,613.32.*

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

*Nays: None*

**b. County Road Improvement Agreement between the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and Garfield Township**

Duell clarified that there will be two applications of brine for the year at a cost of \$323.81 per application.

*Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to accept County Road Improvement Agreement between the Grand Traverse County Road Commission and Garfield Township.*

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

*Nays: None*

Blood Law inquired into paving these few streets under SAD agreements.

**5. Correspondence (6:10)**

- a. Email from Melissa Johnson regarding Barlow Street improvements
- b. Numerous messages from residents regarding Barlow Street improvements.  
Korn said that crosswalks need to be done by ordinance and the board talked about lighting on Barlow Street.

**6. Reports**

**a. GT Metro Fire Department Report (6:15)**

Deputy Chief Steve Apostle reported that it is wildfire season and residents should take extra caution when doing outdoor burning. The station had its first fatality from a fire in Acme on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The older gentleman already had medical issues which may have contributed to the death. The department went on a rescue in the woods near the Commons and assisted a woman with an open wound from a fallen tree. He explained how Metro responds to calls and said that Northflight may begin to charge for lift assists.

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

Commissioner Tom Mair said that they have had a study session on the pension debt and will have another one soon. The county hired a search firm to assist with the search for a new county administrator. He asks for township input on the position at a presentation on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for various people from all walks of life who would like to serve on a committee to make a decision on a new administrator.

**c. Personnel Committee Report (6:29)**

Schmuckal reported that there has been another resignation and the position has been posted until April 28<sup>th</sup> after finding out that the Board did not have to formally accept a resignation before action could be taken. The committee hopes to interview candidates for the vacancies in early May.

*Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to hire Eric Perdonik as Deputy Planner, effective immediately.*

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

*Nays: None*

**d. Treasurer's Report (6:33)**

Blood Law reviewed the main changes in the accounts with board members.

**e. Clerk's Report (6:36)**

McManus said that the public accuracy test was held last night and it went well. Absentee voter ballot numbers are down for this election compared to last November's election, but are about par for a single issue election.

**h. Supervisor's Report (6:38)**

Korn commented that there was an Open House for residents of Oak Terrace regarding the upcoming road project. He said that the turnout was excellent. He picked up some good information at the recent MTA conference on signage and the medical marijuana issue. The MTA suggested that municipalities have an ethics policy and Korn will look into it for the township. He also attended a session on intergovernmental agreements. He added that the final wastewater treatment contract draft has been submitted and that the final contract will be submitted to the Board for approval. At the GT Metro meeting they are reviewing the leases for the various facilities and discovering that the terms of those leases are not being followed. There will be more discussion on these leases.

**7. Unfinished Business****a. Awarding of bid for Potable Water Storage Tank (6:43)**

Township Engineer Jennifer Hodges explained the RFP's for the water tank. She said that there were four bidders. She reviewed all options with Board members and presented a video on the two top options and how they may look on the site. Board members agreed on a concrete tank with DN Tanks Inc. Hodges will bring back tank colors and other options for the tank at the next meeting.

*Walters moved and Schmuckal seconded to accept the bid from DN Tanks to construct a new water tank in the Township.*

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

*Nays: None*

**b. Update on SAW Grant and consideration of Assessment Management Plan Proposal (7:12)**

Engineer Jennifer Hodges said last year the Township was awarded the SAW grant and she continues to monitor sewer capacity. She indicated that the US 31 corridor is one area that sees problems in pump stations and siphons and would benefit from a flow meter. The costs are within the scope of the grant and she is merely asking for township approval to proceed.

*Walters moved and Duell seconded to approve of a flow meter study on US 31.*

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

**8. New Business**

**a. Grand Traverse Road Commission's Presentation regarding Logan's Landing/South Airport Road Intersection improvements (7:17)**

Garth Greenan from the County Road Commission presented information to the Board about work that will be done to the Logan's Landing/South Airport Road corridor. There will be an adaptive signal system with wireless devices that detect traffic in the roadways and signals will change accordingly. The new intersections are called "RCUT" or reverse crossing U turn intersections. Board members discussed the RCUT and asked questions about the project.

**b. PD 2017-31 – BVNP Oversight (7:53)**

Korn explained that this was to approve the engineering oversight in the already approved improvements to the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve. Grant funds must be expended by June 30<sup>th</sup> of this year.

*Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded THAT that the contract provided by Prein and Newhof for Construction Observation services in the amount of \$12,150 be accepted and taken from the Parks and Recreation budget.*

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

**c. MDOT Presentation Regarding US 31 Signalization (7:38)**

Garret Dawe, MDOT Project Engineer Manager addressed the board and talked about the new US 31 signalization upgrade project. This project will be taking place in the fall of 2019 and will encompass 21 traffic signals in the area. There will be some new radio communications and some complete upgrades at traffic lights. The new upgrades will allow traffic to run smoothly in the region. MDOT is currently going out for bids on the new adaptive equipment.

**9. Public Comment: (7:56)**

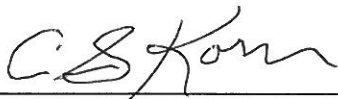
Scott Mills, of Leelanau county is opening a business in Garfield Township which brews kombucha tea. They are seeking local government approval to be able to apply for licensing at the state level. McManus explained that the permitting for the business was still not in place and the matter may be taken up by the Board at the next meeting.

**10. Other Business (8:05)**

Walters warned against eavesdropping with the video surveillance system in the building. Duell said the sheriff's department did an excellent job when there were three incidents of criminal activity at his farm.

**11. Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.



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