

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 10, 2016

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on May 10, 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, Jeane Blood Law, Lanie McManus, Chuck Korn, and Kit Wilson

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Michael Green, the new township Zoning Administrator introduced himself to the board.

Sheryl Gore Follett announced that she is running for a county commissioner seat which includes a portion of Garfield Township.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)

Blood Law moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:09)

a. Minutes

April 26, 2016 Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$81,441.73
(Recommend Approval)	

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund	\$ 1,500.00
Utility receiving Fund	8,255.00
Park Funds	<u>234.60</u>
Total	\$ 9,989.60
(Recommend Approval)	

c. MTT Update (Receive and File)

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

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

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar

5. Correspondence

- a. Grand Traverse Conservation District Report

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:05)

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie-Fraser said that there is now a signed easement in place for access to the tank site which the township recently purchased. She will be sending out an RFP for the tank itself very soon and will present pricing as soon as possible. Pump station #1 should be complete in a couple weeks and she will be meeting with the contractor on the Crown booster station in the near future. She will also be working on the incorporation of utilities in the Oak Terrace project.

b. Sheriff's Report (6:10)

Lieutenant Chris Barsheff said that there were 1,461 calls in Garfield Township in the month of April. That number accounted for 43.66 % of all calls in the county. Deputies attended the YMCA healthy kids event and headed up the drug take back effort where lots of pills were collected. The sheriff's department also helped in the Miller Creek clean up effort and partnered with UpNorth Prevention to target businesses selling tobacco products to minors. In addition, he reported that two people were recently arrested for embezzling from a local business.

c. GT Metro Fire Department's Report (6:16)

A written report was included in the packet.

d. Personnel Committee's Report (6:16)

Schmuckal reported that the committee is reviewing the Personnel Policy Handbook for non-union employees and will bring it forth for review and adoption shortly.

e. Treasurer's Report (6:18)

Blood Law said that the second state revenue payment was up 4% from last year leaving state revenue up 1.5% overall for the year.

f. Clerk's Report (6:19)

McManus sent out the financial report in writing and said that her office is gearing up to send out absentee applications for the August 2nd primary

g. County Commissioner's Report (6:20)

County Commissioner Christine Maxbauer commended Garfield Township

on keeping their sewer rates steady over the past few years in light of the Traverse City commission's discussion to raise the city sewer rates again. She added that commissioners are studying the salaries and job duties of elected officials and have changed the employee travel policy.

h. Supervisor's Report (6:28)

Korn reported that the Cass road drainage district is being studied and the conservation district is involved. The city is upgrading their water system and is sharing some of those costs with the township. He added that the county may be asking for a portion of pension payments for some DPW employees.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Consideration of award of contract for Pump Station #3 Upgrades (6:34)

Jennifer Hodges said that two bids were received for the Pump Station #3 upgrades – one for \$194,050 from Franklin Howerda and one for \$224,198 from Perceptive Services and Ops. She explained the bid process and said that the prices came in a bit higher than expected.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to accept the Pump Station #3 bid for \$194,050.00 from Franklin Howerda.

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

Nays: None

b. Consideration of Resolution 2016-16-T, a Resolution of Support for House Bill 578 – Dark Store Bill (6:39)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to adopt Resolution 2016-16-T, a Resolution of Support for House Bill 578 – Dark Store Bill.

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

Nays: None

Wilson commented that this is much needed and would give direction to Michigan Tax Tribunal.

9. Public Comment: (6:41)

10. Other Business (6:41)

Wilson said that the ad hoc committee for assessment met and will meet again in June to discuss any new commercial cases and large residential cases that may occur.

Schmuckal commented on the 420 store and Korn said that there is another court hearing in the future.

Agostinelli asked where she should direct people who have complaints about the number of docks and boats on Silver Lake. Korn thought that such a complaint may start with the Planning Commission.

Blood Law said prices for security cameras in Silver Lake Park may be brought forth to the board soon.

11. Adjournment 6:48

Korn adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm.



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