

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 26, 2015

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on May 26, 2015 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: Bob Featherstone, Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, Lanie McManus, and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Kit Wilson

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:01)

Agostinelli moved and Featherstone seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

May 12, 2015

(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund

\$ 50,831.34

(Recommend Approval)

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

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

Nays: None

4. Correspondence (6:03)

5. Reports

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

Alisa Kroupa, County Commissioner, said the Commission will continue discussions on hiring a new County Administrator and a new Human Resources

Director. They also have many Brownfield projects to talk about including the Park Place development.

A joint meeting with the Grand Traverse County Road Commission was successful and the County's prosecutor and the Road Commission's attorney will draft a commitment of payment for the Cass Road Bridge. The Road Commission has offered to pay a large portion of the remaining \$488,000 for the bridge project.

Kroupa was very excited to announce that almost \$1 million was approved by the 9-1-1 Board for the upgrade of Central Dispatch. The 9-1-1 Board also approved the purchase of a new radio system and for mobile equipment for first responders. The money raised from the recent surcharge will be used as intended. Radios for first responders will be owned by the county and users will pay into a pool each year for maintenance. Board members thanked her for her work on the Commission.

b. Treasurer's Report (6:15)

Blood Law said that an updated revenue sharing report shows that revenue sharing is up by 6.22% over last year. More money will go into the fund balance this year.

c. Clerk's Report (6:16)

McManus said that the 2014 Audit will be ready in the next couple of weeks.

d. Supervisor's Report (6:39)

Korn said that the CPO contract terms were approved and are being prepared. He added that an MTA Legislative Liaison said that statutory funding is in place.

6. Unfinished Business (6:17)

a. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution #2015-08-T(a), a Resolution to Create Forestlane Subdivision Roads Special Assessment District and Order Preparation of Special Assessment Roll

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:18pm.

Charlotte Case of N. Forestlane Drive said she looks forward to the improvements and asked about possible changes at the airport and how any changes would affect her neighborhood.

Korn said there were no immediate plans at the airport, but could not guarantee that changes would not occur in the future. He added that the Road Commission hopes to begin the Forestlane project in July. He explained the entire project to those present and said that a new drainage system that will include swales would be built and then a new road would be put in.

Blood Law said that any billing to residents would not happen until 2016 and if the assessment was paid off before the first bill goes out, then there will be no interest charged.

Mary Gauthier of West Forestlane Drive asked about a plan for the road and was told that the existing road would be crushed and then put back and paved over.

Korn closed the Public Hearing at 6:28pm.

Board members asked about a five or seven year assessment and Blood law said she could do either, but Assessor Amy DeHaan needed to know if an assessment was for five years or seven years.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution #2015-08-T(a), a Resolution to Create Forestlane Subdivision Roads Special Assessment District and Order Preparation of Special Assessment Roll.

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

7. New Business

a. Consideration of the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Proposed Comprehensive Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16 (6:34)

Matt Cowall presented the Recreation Authority proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. He added that they have been very fortunate for the first year in terms of their event facilities and have managed deficits that were projected. They will also be retiring a bond fund this year.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to approve the City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Proposed Comprehensive Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2015/16.

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

b. Request to Write-Off Tax Year's 2009-2013 Delinquent Personal Property Taxes (6:39)

Blood Law said she is requesting to write off tax years 2009-2013. She will not be receiving any more money and the paperwork can be handled all at once for simplification. She will send them to Circuit Court when they are five years delinquent.

Schmuckal moved and Featherstone seconded to write off delinquent personal property taxes for the years 2009 through 2013 and take them to Circuit Court.

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

Nays: None

8. Public Comment: (6:43)

None

9. Other Business (6:43)

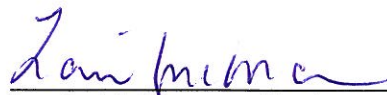
Korn said that one end of LaFranier Road is due to be opened in two weeks and U.S. 31 is ahead of schedule. EMS coordination was discussed in light of the LaFranier project. Blood Law asked about the disposal of the old truck. Korn agreed to place it on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.



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