

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
May 9, 2017

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on May 9, 2017 at 6:02 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, Dan Walters, Steve Duell, Lanie McManus, Chuck Korn

Staff Present: Rob Larrea

1. Public Comment (6:03)
None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)
Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

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

3. Consent Calendar (6:04)

a. Minutes

April 25, 2017 Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$124,534.75
(Recommend Approval)	

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund	\$ 3,225.00
Utility Receiving Fund	20,290.00
Grand Total	\$ 23,515.00

(Recommend Approval)

c. MTT Report (Receive and File)

d. Consideration of approval of the Amended and Restated Master Sewer Agreement (2017) (Recommend Approval)

Agostinelli asked to remove Consent item d. and Walters asked to remove Consent Item b. Both were moved to Agenda Item #4.

Duell moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from Consent Calendar

a. Consideration of approval of the Amended and Restated Master Sewer Agreement (2017) (6:04)

John Divozzo, GT County DPW Director, gave background on the 2001 sewer agreement which included a clause on how the city could charge the townships. The city wanted costs based on flows and DPW wanted costs based on ownership percentage and the two parties went to mediation and a new agreement was drafted. The new agreement allows for additional capacity of 45% for the townships as a whole and 50% of the membrane costs will be split among the townships. Future membranes will be charged as a maintenance item. He added that bond payments would disappear in 2022 and then just maintenance costs would be expected. Board members asked questions and discussed the new agreement and the funding of the plant for the future.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the Amended and Restated Master Sewer Agreement (2017).

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

Nays: None

b. Bills (6:24)

Walters inquired about KLM Landscaping being on the roll again.

McManus explained that there was a mix-up in printing the report and that only the bills since April 24th should have been included.

Walters moved and Duell seconded to pay the bills from April 24th through May 2nd.

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

Nays: None

5. Correspondence

a. Email from Doug Spence

b. Email from Grand Traverse Conservation District – April Report

6. Reports

a. Sheriff's Report (6:35)

Lieutenant Chris Barsheff reported that in both March and April of 2017, Garfield had 43% and 42% of calls in the county respectively. He noted no significant changes in any crime category. The department has been busy with presentations on road safety,

identity theft, and active shooters. The drug take back event was a success with 180 pounds of prescription drugs collected.

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:38)

No report

c. Personnel Committee Report (6:38)

Schmuckal said that there were good candidates for the appraiser positions.

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to offer appraiser positions to both Brad Heikkila and Warren Parrish.

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

Nays: None

e. Clerk's Report (6:41)

The Clerk's report was submitted in writing. She asks board members to give her a call if there are ever any questions regarding her report or the bills. She added that the elections went well last week and that the turnout was very light with only 4% of the township's registered voters voting.

h. Supervisor's Report (6:43)

Korn reported that the BPW will begin negotiating a new contract for water. He said that a transition may be made to Blue Cross since there will be a cost savings and details will be forthcoming.

Agostinelli asked about the Silver Lake drainage district and Drain Commissioner Steve Largent said that a new count needs to be made. Korn added that he attended a special meeting for the Metro Fire Board to discuss staffing issues. Board members commented on the staffing and also discussed Fire Board Representation and the existing lease agreements between Metro Fire and the Townships.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Public Hearing – PD Report 2017-30 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 6 to Ordinance No. 68 – Hotel Regulations (7:03)

Larrea explained that the Planning Commission evaluated hotels in the area at several meetings and determined that hotel uses would be appropriate in the C-P Planned Shopping Districts as long as the height and number of stories for hotels in all districts were addressed. The zoning ordinance limits the height of buildings in the C-G zone to 35 feet, although the height can increase on a 1-1 foot basis if setbacks are increased. There is no maximum height for hotels in the C-G, C-H or C-P districts as long as FAA approval is given for anything over 35 feet in height. The 35' height allowance was discussed by the board members at length and it was decided to clarify and approve any heights with the FAA and to hold a joint meeting with the planning commission to further discuss building heights in Township.

Blood Law moved to postpone any action on this item for further clarification on building heights by the Planning Commission. Walters seconded the motion.

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

b. Northwest infrastructure Project – Water Storage Tank – Concrete Tank Architectural Options/Costs (7:37)

Korn said that a representative from Concrete Tank will be present in two weeks to discuss the options available for a tank design. Any decisions will be made at that time.

8. New Business

a. Presentation by Tom Vitale – Grand Traverse Conservation District (7:38)

Steve Largent and Tom Vitale thanked Garfield Township for their support of the Conservation District. They gave a history of the conservation district and presented a Powerpoint which described what has been done in each township park and what are ongoing projects in the parks system. He encouraged Board members to get out and explore the parks since there was a lot happening.

b. Presentation by Matt Cowall – Selection of Bid for an observation deck in wetland of Historic Barns Park. (8:03)

Matt Cowall, Director of the Joint Recreation Authority, presented bids for the third and final piece of a grant for the Barns property. The bid is for a 16' x 14' observation deck to be located in the NE corner of the property. Obtaining three bids has been problematic and only two were collected. Cowall said that the bid from SEEDS is the best bid and that they need to move forward and complete the project by the end of July.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to approve a bid in the amount of \$9,089.11 for a 16' x 14' observation deck to fulfill the DNR Project Number TF11-09.

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

c. Consideration of the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority's Comprehensive Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 (8:11)

Cowall presented a balanced budget for the Recreation Authority for 2017-18 since their budget year is July 1st to June 30th. Board members asked questions and discussed the proposed City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority budget.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the 2017-18 City of Traverse City and Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority Budget.

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

d. Discussion of adoption of an Ethics Policy for Board Members and Employees (8:17)

Korn said there was the State Ethics policy and an example of a township Ethics Policy included in the packets. He asked board members to review the policies for discussion at a study session at a later date. Schmuckal and Agostinelli volunteered to serve on a subcommittee to read and discuss the various options and present them to the rest of the board.

9. Public Comment: (8:20)

None

10. Other Business (8:20)

Walters asked about the status of the TART trail on Boardman Lake. Trail maintenance was discussed. Blood Law commented on the amount of parkland and a possible vision for the parkland.

Duell moved and McManus seconded to appoint Blood Law as a second alternate to serve on the Metro Fire Board.

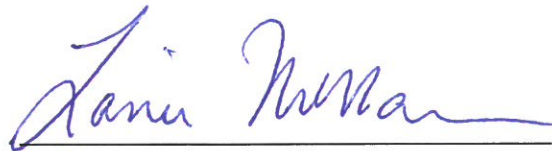
*Yeas: Duell, McManus, Walters, Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Blood Law, Korn
Nays: None*

11. Adjournment

Schmuckal moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.



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