

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2015

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on June 23, 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, Kit Wilson, Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Lanie McManus

1. Public Comment (6:00)

None

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes

June 9, 2015

(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund

\$328,629.44

(Recommend Approval)

c. Acceptance of Hammond Commerce Center sewer and water main extensions on Industry Drive and turn over to County DPW for operation and maintenance. (Recommend Approval)

d. Application for Progress Payment #4 (Final Payment) for Team Elmers for Zimmerman Road Watermain Extension in the amount of \$36,620.10. (Recommend Approval)

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

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

Nays: None

4. Correspondence (6:03)

One letter was received from the builder regarding the delay in the Emergency Exit canopy construction at the Township Hall.

5. Reports**a. Construction Report (6:19)**

Jennifer Hodges submitted a report in writing which indicated that Gourdie-Fraser is busy with several projects including the new water service project for the Northwest Service District, pump stations #3, #1, and #9, and the LaFranier Road Project. Plan reviews have also been completed on Buffalo Ridge and Chelsea Park.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:03)

Lt. Terry Flynn reported on several fires in the area including Bortz Health Care and the Grand Traverse Resort. The amount of calls is about the same as last year at this time and staffing seems to be working well. The budget will be reviewed soon and smoke alarms are still being offered to those who do not have one.

c. County Commissioner's Report (6:10)

County Commissioner Alisa Kroupa said that the CPO contract has been settled. She has been attending project manager meetings for the Boardman Dam and all invoices for the project are now being reviewed by the County Commissioners. Commissioners are also getting an outside opinion and financial analysis of the county finances. Kroupa said that the Commission has hired a consultant for the Budgeting for Outcomes process. The Joint Housing Task Force process is finished. There is a citizen's group which may want to help to fund the Easling Pool.

d. Building Committee Report (6:20)

Agostinelli said she spoke with Bill Mouser and they will review several Township Hall projects and bring them back to the Board for discussion.

e. Treasurer's Report (6:24)

Blood Law gave a review of the yard waste pass program and said that the program dates should be moved to mid-May next year. There are already dates for the fall clean-up program.

f. Supervisor's Report (6:50)

Korn said that he met with Brian Thurston regarding the water system expansion. He attended court-ordered mediation with a cannabis shop located on South Airport Road and may need to go to court. He attended a seminar on the Effects of Global Warming on the local Environment and as part of the Personnel Committee, he also attended a seminar on "why people leave" their jobs. He also mentioned attending the housing summit last week.

6. Unfinished Business (6:32)**a. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution #2015-08-T(c), a Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Forestlane Subdivision Roads Special Assessment District (6:32)**

Korn explained that this action is the final step in establishing a Special Assessment District for Forestlane Subdivision.

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:33pm.

Charlotte Case inquired about a guarantee on the road. Korn explained the Road Commission established standards for road building and added that there was usually a one year warranty.

Frank Greenlaw asked about payment without interest.

Korn closed the Public Hearing at 6:40pm. He stated that the project will likely begin sometime this summer.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt Resolution #2015-08-T(c), a Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Forestlane Subdivision Roads Special Assessment District.

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

Nays: None

b. Consideration of Adoption of FOIA Procedures and Guidelines (6:42)

Changes have been made as requested which delete language pertaining to oral requests. Oral requests for information will not formally be considered a FOIA Request.

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to adopt the Charter Township of Garfield FOIA Procedures and Guidelines.

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

Nays: None

c. Consideration of the naming of a new road in Sec. 06, T27N-R11W, Grand Traverse County MI of “Windy Acres Lane” (6:44)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to accept the name “Windy Acres Lane” for a private road name in Grand Traverse County.

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

Nays: None

d. Update on NW Water Storage Project (6:45)**i. Awarding the bid for the Cedar Run/Harris Road Watermain Extension**

Jennifer Hodges said that there were two bids for the project and she recommends that the Township hire the low bidder, Team Elmer's, for a cost of \$1,895,340.

Featherstone moved and Blood Law seconded to accept the bid from Team Elmer's for the Cedar Run/Harris Road Watermain Extension for \$1,895,340.

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

Nays: None

ii. Approval of Survey for water tower

Hodges said that the water tower survey had been completed by a professional surveyor.

7. New Business (6:52)**a. Consideration of Resolution 2015-09-T, a resolution to adopt the Annual Exemption Option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (6:52)**

Korn said that this needs to be passed by the Board yearly so that the Township can be exempted from P.A. 152. He added that there was a 3% increase in insurance costs this year.

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-09-T, a resolution to adopt the Annual Exemption Option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

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

Nays: None

b. Consideration of bids for striping and sealcoating of Town Hall Parking Lot (6:53)

Mouser reviewed the bids with Board members and said that ACE Seal Right was the lowest bidder. Board members discussed the bids and reviewed what was included in each bid.

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to hire Black Magic for seal coating and striping of the Town Hall parking lot citing that it was the most inclusive bid.

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

Nays: None

8. Public Comment (7:12)

Cindy Smith of Buckhorn Drive expressed displeasure with her yard repair after the Zimmerman Road construction was completed. She passed out pictures to Board members and Korn said that he would talk with Team Elmer's.

Dale Popa, of Zimmerman Road also has the same issue on his property.

Jennifer Hodges said that she is maintaining a list of residents with complaints and is withholding payment from Team Elmers until the yards are restored properly. Elmer's is aware of the problem and must maintain a one year warranty for the germination of grass seed that was used per the permit conditions.

9. Other Business (7:19)

10. Adjournment

Agostinelli moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.



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