

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 27, 2017

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on June 27, 2017 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: Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, Dan Walters, Steve Duell, Lanie McManus, Molly Agostinelli and Chuck Korn

1. Public Comment (6:01)

None

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

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

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| General Fund | \$235,706 |
| (Recommend Approval) | |

Schmuckal asked to remove Consent Calendar Item a. to Item 4.a.

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

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

Nays: None

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar (6:03)

a. Minutes – June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

Schmuckal pointed out that Item 3 needs to be corrected to reflect that Korn asked that Item f. be removed from the Consent Calendar and under Item 4.a., the second sentence shall be changed to read "The contract contains . . . "

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the minutes from June 13, 2017 as amended.

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

Nays: None

5. Correspondence (6:04)

a. None

6. Reports

a. County Commissioner's Report (6:05)

Commissioner Tom Mair said that commissioners received over 50 calls regarding the sales of parklands. He assured the public that commissioners are not considering the sale of any other lands at this time. A meeting tomorrow will discuss the old health center building on Garfield Road as well as discussion of candidates for the Administrator Position. Mair said that forty applicants applied for the position and commissioners are looking at five. There will also be a study session pertaining to County Animal Control and comments are welcome.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:10)

Chief Pat Parker gave the GTMESA report that would usually be given by Steve Apostle. He said that the stations have been busy and have had some unique calls. They performed a drill at the Boardman Dam to determine if someone washed downstream could be saved. It was a positive experience. Emergency vehicles will be on standby for the Cherry Festival air shows and two new full time people were hired recently. Statistics drawn up by Apostle regarding arrivals at emergency sites by Metro and Northflight are confusing and will be revisited next time.

c. Personnel Committee (6:15)

Schmuckal said that a new job description was handed out to Board members for the Appraiser position. The position has been advertised and a decision will be made after July 11th. Board members discussed the position and the possible restructuring of some positions.

d. Clerk's Report (6:20)

Clerk McManus said that the Auditor could not be present for the meeting, but she received no questions regarding the draft audit she distributed and the 2016 Audit needs to be approved this evening. Board members decided to add Unfinished Business Item b. – 2016 Audit.

e. Supervisor's Report (6:21)

Korn reported that maps of streetlights in the townships are nearly finished being created and substantial rebates are possible. A rebate is also expected from the City regarding disputes involving the water contract. Planning Commissioner Chair John Racine has been named as President of the Rotary Club. The recent

Fire Board meeting was good and all parties are moving forward and the Articles of Incorporation are being reviewed.

7. Unfinished Business

a. TART Representative Julie Clark – Boardman Valley Trail Memorandum of Understanding (6:27)

Clark said that the portion regarding construction had been removed from the Memorandum and the City of Traverse City has passed their memorandum. She updated members of the board on the project and brought everyone up to speed on what has occurred to this point. She said that the Township, City and County have all collaborated on this five million dollar project and that presently, the project is in the engineering and design phase. Maintenance of the trail was discussed and Clark presented various options for funding and maintenance of the trail. Board members asked questions about the materials on the trail and their life expectancy. Clark said that typically, a trail costs about \$2,000 per mile to maintain. Clark said that this memorandum of understanding simply states that Garfield Township is still a partner in the process of building the trail and approves of the concept of the trail. The approval of the memorandum is an important component in obtaining grants for the trail. No final financial figures have been determined yet as it would depend on grant monies received.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to give Supervisor Korn permission to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Boardman Valley Trail.

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

b. 2016 Audit (7:03)

McManus moved and Duell seconded to approve the 2016 Audit as submitted.

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

8. New Business

a. Jay Buckmaster – YMCA Extension of Lease (7:04)

Buckmaster addressed the Board and said that all three YMCA facilities are thriving and he would like to extend the lease for another three year term. He talked about upgrades to the buildings which include replacing old racquetball courts, and new roofing, painting and lighting. Buckmaster said he will be looking at a long term lease, but until one can be drafted, he is simply looking for approval of a three year lease. Board members asked to see the original lease agreement and will vote on the item at the next meeting.

b. Consideration of Resolution 2017-14-T, a Resolution for a Grant Request to the Michigan Secretary of State for Election Equipment (7:13)

Clerk McManus said that what was given to Board members was the price

for the entire county but that she has put money in the budget for the components needed in Garfield Township. The resolution needs to be passed to move forward at the local level with the purchase of new election equipment.

Walters moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve Resolution 2017-14-T, a Resolution for a Grant Request to the Michigan Secretary of State for Election Equipment.

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

9. Public Comment: (7:20)

None

10. Other Business (7:21)

Schmuckal inquired about the curbs on Woodmere and Korn said that he would contact the County Road Commission.

Duell asked about the budget amendment to pay Park Commissioners and was told it would be done as soon as possible. He also inquired about the monitors on the board members desks and was told that they would need a whole new system. A joint meeting will be held with the Planning Commission at 6:00pm on Wednesday, June 28th.

11. Adjournment

Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm.



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