

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2015

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on August 25, 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, Lanie McManus 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, Wilson, McManus, Featherstone, Blood Law, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$393,580.68
(Recommend Approval)	

c. Application for Progress Payment #2 to Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc. for Harris Road/Cedar Run Road Water Main Extension in the amount of \$397,049.40 (Recommend Approval)

d. Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 17, the Charter Township of Garfield Water Service and Use Ordinance – Introduce and Schedule for Public Hearing on September 8, 2015 (Recommend Approval)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended moving Consent Calendar Item b. to New Business Item c.

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

Nays: None

4. Correspondence (6:04)**5. Reports****a. Construction Report (6:04)**

No report

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:16)

County Commissioner Alisa Kroupa said a nine hour board retreat was successful and they will be coming up with some strategic goals in the near future. The board is moving quickly on the 2016 budget and storm assistance from the State ended this week but local prison teams pitched in. She stated that there needs to be some major changes in how the dam project is funded because the county simply does not have the funds to complete the project. She announced that the application deadline for the Administrator position closed today and there are fifteen applicants. A grant was received for more security cameras at the skate park and an Indian marker is going to be cleaned and restored. The board is considering a new playground location in the south east quadrant of the Civic Center to replace "Kids Cove" and is also considering a dog park. The Easling pool has new funding supporters in the Rotary Charities and the YMCA, but a maintenance fund needs to be established.

c. Personnel Committee Report (6:14)

There will be a meeting tomorrow.

d. Building Committee Report (6:14)

New canopies for the side of the township hall should be installed before the end of the month.

e. Treasurer's Report (6:19)

Blood Law asked for input on the proposed Township Policy for disposal of Surplus Township Property. Board members said they approved of the policy and discussed the destruction of hard drives in computers.

f. Supervisor's Report (6:23)

Korn said that the Cedar Run pipeline is going well and is ahead of schedule and that Harris Road is finished. TC Talus has new bylaws and is working on restructuring. Korn spoke with BOC Chair Christine Maxbauer and Traverse City Mayor Estes about the dam removal project.

6. Unfinished Business (6:22)**a. Public Hearing – Grand Traverse Metro Fire 2016 Timeline/ Budget Assumptions/Issues – The property tax millage rate proposal to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing**

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:22pm and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing. Board members discussed the 2016 budget and expressed concerns with collecting money from taxpayers in anticipation of a

new fire station. It was suggested that the township could collect money, set it aside for a new station and when land was secured, could then give it to Metro. Wage increases, taxable value and staffing were all discussed.

Blood Law moved and Wilson seconded to levy a property tax millage rate of 2.35 for the year 2016 for Grand Traverse Metro Fire.

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

b. Discussion regarding the Boardman River Dam Removal Project (6:41)

Agostinelli had some questions regarding the Boardman Dam removal and river restoration and Chairman Christine Maxbauer said the questions would be better discussed after a special meeting on September 23rd.

Maxbauer met with Mayor Estes and Korn to define a strategy to move forward. She cited a fiscal crisis at the county level and said there was not money to fund the dam removal and wants to meet with the Grand Traverse Band and the City Commissioners to determine if they are truly fiscal partners. The DEQ said the dam has to be removed but Maxbauer would like to talk to the DEQ and get some answers for the county about the dam. Agostinelli had concerns with safety of the dams and Garfield's role in any breach and Maxbauer assured her that Garfield Township had no ownership stake in the Boardman dam.

7. New Business

a. Consideration Resolution 2015-12-T, a Resolution of Support of Rotary Charities Grant Application (6:56)

The board approved making an application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund earlier this year to make some improvements to the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve. The grant would help to pay for accessible kayak and canoe launches, a parking area and turnaround, pavilion, vault toilets and pickleball court reconstruction. The Traverse Area Pickleball Association committed to fundraising half of the \$75,000 needed to reconstruct the pickleball court. TAPA has identified Rotary Charities as a potential matching partner and has asked the Township to act as the applicant for this grant. The resolution would authorize the grant application to Rotary Charities, name TAPA as the project coordinator and commit to budgeting \$37,500 in the 206 Park Fund towards the project. If unsuccessful, the project will become a budgeted construction project for 2016. Board members were hesitant to take any action since the wording was unclear as to what the Township would be responsible to pay for.

Blood Law moved and Wilson seconded to give the Resolution to the Park Commission for a better explanation.

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

b. Draft Garfield Bill of Sale (7:08)

Korn explained the capacity sharing agreement and said that now the townships will pay for what they use, which is a little over 40%.

Agostinelli moved to authorize Korn to sign the Bill of Sale for the Capacity Sharing Agreement. Featherstone seconded the motion.

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

c. Bills (7:10)

Wilson asked questions pertaining to the legal fees paid.

Wilson moved to approve the bills in the amount of \$393,580.68. Schmuckal supported the motion.

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

8. Public Comment: (7:15)

Commissioner Alisa Kroupa commented that Garfield Township is an ex-officio member of the IT Board and is not a fiduciary partner in the dam project.

9. Other Business (7:17)

Blood Law said close to 100 brush passes were given out.

McManus asked the board to authorize the purchase of a new scanner/large format printer at front desk.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to authorize the purchase of a new scanner/large format printer.

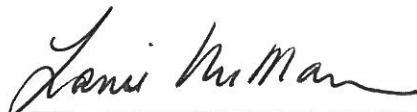
*Yeas: Schmuckal, Blood Law, Wilson, Featherstone, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn
Nays: None*

10. Adjournment

Schmuckal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm.



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