

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
September 27, 2016**

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on September 27, 2016 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: Molly Agostinelli, Denise Schmuckal, Kit Wilson, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone

**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 amended.*

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

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:01)**

**a. Minutes**

September 13, 2016 Meeting (Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

General Fund \$64,457.18

(Recommend Approval)

**c. Grand Traverse County 2016 Equalization Report (Receive and File)**

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

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

*Nays: None*

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

None

**5. Correspondence (6:03)**

a. Chamber Pints and Politics Invite – October 6<sup>th</sup>

**6. Reports****a. Sheriff's Department Report (6:03)**

Deputy Chris Barsheff said statistics were not available yet and he hopes the matter will be fixed soon. The department has been busy with attendance at the Prepare Fair, Shields of Hope at Great Wolf Lodge and car seat safety checks. There have been ongoing bike patrols on the trails and school lock down drills. The sheriff's patrols have implemented Hot Spot patrols which focus on problem areas in the county. Detectives are busy handling fraud and embezzlement cases. Active shooter training has been relevant with recent mall violence events elsewhere and they will continue to train to be prepared.

**c. County Commissioner's Report (6:11)**

County Commissioner Alisa Kroupa reported that the county approved appraisals and the possible sale of two properties, one in Garfield Township. They might like the parcel on Keystone Road rezoned for easier sale. The county went through a Sheriff's Department audit and the next step is a meeting with the sheriff and undersheriff. CPO contracts were also discussed as part of the audit.

**d. Clerk's Report (6:21)**

McManus said that ballots came in on Friday and her office is busy working on test decks and running the preliminary ballot test. They hope to begin sending out absentee ballots on Thursday.

**e. Supervisor's Report (6:22)**

Korn reported that the traffic safety committee met and MDOT is doing a traffic study along US 31 in order to better time traffic lights. The County Road Commission is doing same thing along S. Airport Road. He attended a meeting and discussed Northflight Ambulance Service in the townships. Korn met with officials regarding the Cass Road Drain and will assist in transitioning to a new drain commissioner. He attended the Buffalo Ridge Trail ribbon cutting, as well as, a Policy Forum in Grand Rapids.

**7. Unfinished Business****a. Public Hearing – 2017 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate (6:27)**

The 2017 millage rate will be set at 2 mills for the township and 2.35 mills for Metro Fire Operations. Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:27 p.m. Seeing no one wishing to speak, the Public Hearing was closed. Board members noted that the millage rate is staying the same as last year.

*Schmuckal moved to approve the 2017 millage rate to be set at 2 mills for the township and 2.35 mills for Metro Fire Operations. Wilson supported the motion.*

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

*Nays: None*

**b. Discussion and Consideration of Resolution 2016-25-T, the 2017 Budget Resolution for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority Charter Township of Garfield, County of Grand Traverse, Michigan (6:30)**

Korn said that he spoke with the Grand Traverse Metro Fire Attorney and this resolution was deemed to be unnecessary.

**8. New Business: (6:30)**

None

**9. Public Comment: (6:30)**

Alisa Kroupa said that Medalie Park has been chosen by the Parks Department for the development team's project for next year. She stated that there have been security issues in that park and the county would like to come up with ideas so that the park will be used more. She went on to say that it was a good first season with rentals of kayaks and bikes at Medalie Park.

**10. Other Business: (6:33)**

Blood Law commented on the CPO contract and hopes it will not be an issue again this year. She added that Metro Ambulance service may need to be reviewed as well as the contract with Metro Fire.

Board members scheduled a study session on Oct 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:15 p.m. to discuss the budget for 2017.

Korn said that the Lucky's market project is moving forward, but that he hasn't heard anything Official from either Dick's or Rouse on the Dicks's Sporting Goods development.

**11. Adjournment: (6:37)**

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm.



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