

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

### September 29, 2015

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Special Town Board Meeting to order on September 29, 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: Molly Agostinelli, Kit Wilson, Denise Schmuckal, Jeane Blood Law, and Lanie McManus

Absent and Excused: Bob Featherstone

#### **1. Public Comment (6:00)**

None

#### **2. Review and Approval of the Agenda**

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

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

*Nays: None*

#### **3. Unfinished Business**

##### **a. Continued Discussion and Setting of the 2016 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate**

Board members discussed the exact revenue that is brought into the Township and other stable sources of funding such as revenue sharing. Board members agreed that they would like to lower the millage rate which had not been lowered since 2010. Enough money would be collected to support the proposed 2016 budget if a millage of 2.25 or lower was collected. The economy has recovered and there is growth in the Township once again. There will once again be a surplus of money at the end of the 2015 tax year. McManus stated that she had checked the budget and was confident that even at a millage rate of 2.00 mills, the Township would have a surplus. Board members discussed any large projects that may come up such as sewer, water or roads. Korn said that there was enough in the sewer and water funds to support projects and by law, the Township could not fund any more than 25% of a road project. Township Assessor Amy DeHaan commented on new projects coming on the tax rolls this next year.

*Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to decrease the Charter Township of Garfield 2016 Millage Rate to 2.00 mills.*

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

*Nays: None*

**4. Public Comment**

None

Korn commented on the weekly rental issue and said he met with planning and zoning staff on the matter. Schmuckal commented on the enforcement of the ordinance in light of the fact that there were several complaints last year. Korn said he is working with zoning and planning to try to set up the ordinance in a way which allows landlords to have a rental home in a responsible manner. He proposed a possible yearly registration with a fee for landlords. Agostinelli suggested looking at the Milton Township rental ordinance and said it was a good one. The next step would be to have a community forum on the matter and discuss the rental policy with the public. The Township would work hard to reach out to as many residents as possible and possibly include the topic in the newsletter. The need to be aware of time constraints on the subject was also discussed. Assessor DeHaan brought up tax implications of renting a home for more than 14 days.

**5. Adjournment**

*Schmuckal moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.*



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