

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
September 8, 2015

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on September 8, 2015 at 6:02p.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

Staff Present: Brian VanDenBrand

1. Public Comment (6:03)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:03)

Schmuckal moved and Wilson seconded to approve the agenda as amended adding Consent Calendar Item e. – Introduce and Set for Public Hearing – 2016 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate; and replacing Personnel Committee Report with Planning Commission Report

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:04)

a. Minutes

August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$311,694.48
(Recommend Approval)	

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund	\$ 3,780.00
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Utility Receiving Fund	<u>35,227.50</u>
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Total	<u>\$ 39,007.50</u>
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(Recommend Approval)

c. Introduce and Schedule Public Hearing to consider establishing an Industrial Development District for RJG Technologies, Inc. at 3111 Park Drive, Traverse City, Michigan (Recommend Approval)

- d. **MTT Update** (Receive and File)
- e. **Introduce and Schedule for Public Hearing - 2016 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate** (Recommend Approval)

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

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

4. **Correspondence (6:07)**

- a. **Grand Traverse Conservation District Report for August 2015**

5. **Reports**

- a. **Construction Report (6:08)**

Jennifer Hodges said all projects are status quo and the Harris Road/Cedar Run Road project is ahead of schedule. An easement agreement is being worked out for the new water tank and the booster station at the Crown will be delivered soon.

- b. **Sheriff's Report (6:09)**

Lt. Chris Barsheff reported that there were 1,635 calls for service in the township in August. Overall, crimes have decreased but there were three fatal incidents last month. Officers have been busy issuing handicapped parking citations and reaching out to the homeless community to show them safe and legal areas on which to camp. September 24th is drug take back day and on September 26th, officers will be collecting old drugs at the Grand Traverse Mall. He also indicated that he would stay for New Business Item b.

- c. **County Commissioner's Report (6:18)**

No report at this time

- d. **Building Committee Report (6:18)**

Agostinelli said that the canopies have been installed at the Township hall.

- e. **Planning Commission Report (6:19)**

Wilson said there was a Joint Meeting with East Bay Township Planning Commission where they discussed the common boundaries of the townships such as Hammond Road, Townline Road and South Airport Road. East Bay Township would also like to have a discussion regarding trail maintenance in the county with TART, the Road Commission and other jurisdictions.

- f. **Clerk's Report (6:20)**

McManus said she submitted her report in writing and that her office is finishing the audit of voter registration files.

g. Supervisor's Report (6:21)

Korn said that he has spent lots of time on water and sewer matters. He also attended a meeting on Michigan Supply Chain Economics.

6. Unfinished Business (6:22)

a. Public Hearing – Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 17, Water Service and Use Ordinance

Korn said that this action will bring the old ordinance into compliance with current law and inspections of back flow preventers for lawn sprinkler systems will only be required every three years.

Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:23pm, and seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the public hearing.

Featherstone moved to adopt Amendment No. 4 to Ordinance No. 17, Water Service and Use Ordinance. Agostinelli supported the motion.

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

b. PD Report 2015-57 Continued discussion on the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve Grant and Consideration of Resolution 2015-12-T, a Resolution of Support of Rotary Charities Grant Application (6:25)

Brain VanDenBrand said that when the original grant was applied for, TAPA was going to rebuild the pickle ball courts regardless if a grant was received or not. Half of the cost of the pickleball courts will count as the local match for either the Trust Fund Grant or the Rotary Charities Grant, but not both. The Board has already committed to budget up to \$100,000 in the Parks budget for 2016.

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to adopt Resolution 2015-12-T, a resolution which commits to budgeting \$37,500 in its 2016 Parks Fund to be used either towards the required local match of the Trust Fund project or in the event that the Trust Fund grant is unsuccessful, to be used to help fund the reconstruction of the pickleball courts in 2016.

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

7. New Business

a. Consideration of adoption of Charter Township of Garfield Policy for Disposal of Township Property (6:28)

Blood Law said she is trying to simplify the process of getting rid of excess equipment owned by the township. Board members reviewed the policy and decided that this policy gives clear guidance.

Wilson moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the Charter Township of Garfield Policy for Disposal of Township Property as amended changing the last sentence to read, . . . purchases made by them and the consent of the remaining members of the Township Board . . .”

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

b. Consideration of an application for a new On-Premise Economic Development Liquor License under MCL 436.1531(4) Sunday PM Sales Permit and Dance/Entertainment Permit (6:33)

Korn told Board members that the only decision to be made at this time is to determine if there is a benefit to having this license in the township. If the Board approves this resolution, it goes to the State of Michigan for further review and then to local law enforcement officials for review and comment.

Patrick Howe, Attorney for Carmike Cinemas, explained that there are no licenses available in the county at this time and the only option is to apply for one of the fifteen state Class C Resort Liquor Licenses issued each year which would make beer and wine available at the theater. The business needs to meet certain guidelines and state requirements. If approval is given, then the state liquor board votes and the business pays a \$20,000 fee for the license. Howe said that this license does not affect any quota licenses in the area and that the license stays with the property.

Martin Plotz, who manages a Carmike Cinema in Champaign, Illinois spoke and he said all employees are trained to deal with patrons and check ID's. Patrons are wrist banded to consume liquor and all beverages are served in clear plastic cups. He said that the customer is only permitted one alcoholic beverage at a time. He has never had to call police or ask someone to leave. Blood Law asked about security in the movie theater and was told that police will do compliance checks occasionally.

Lt. Chris Barsheff said if approved by the board, the Sheriff's Department would receive an investigative document and then offer an opinion on the matter. He said that this is a new concept for customers and he would likely talk with police in Grand Rapids and Champaign, Illinois regarding their experiences.

Attorney Howe said that no hard liquor will be served, but they cannot keep the word "liquor" off of the license.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to accept Resolution 2015-13-T approving GKC Michigan Theatres, Inc to apply for a Class C Resort Liquor License issued under MCL 436.1531(4), Sunday PM Sales Permit and Dance/Entertainment Permit.

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

8. Public Comment: (6:55)

Alisa Kroupa, County Commissioner, said tomorrow the Board will open discussion of a possible tourist tax which would go towards fire and emergency services in the county, roads and bridges and trail maintenance. Results of the review of Administrator resumes will be discussed and the salary for the vacant Human Resources position may need to be increased. Upon further investigation, the Boardman Dam spillway needs to be repaired, but the dam does not need to be removed. On September 16th, there will be a special meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers.

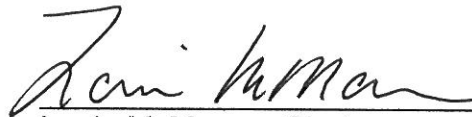
9. Other Business (7:05)

10. Adjournment

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06pm.



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