

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 27, 2021**

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order at the Garfield Township Hall on July 27, 2021 at 6:01p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Board Members**

Present: Molly Agostinelli, Chris Barsheff, Jeane Blood Law, Steve Duell, Chuck Korn, Lanie McManus, and Denise Schmuckal

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych

**1. Public Comment (6:02)**

None

**2. Review and Approval of the Amended Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:02)**

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

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, Blood Law, Duell, McManus, Barsheff, Korn*

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:02)**

**a. Minutes**

July 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting  
(Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

(i) General Fund \$40,998.00

(Recommend Approval)

(ii) Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water

Reviews, Utility Plan Review, Oversight &

Closeout

\$ 3,851.25

Utility Receiving Fund

\$11,788.73

Total

\$15,639.98

(Recommend Approval)

**c. MTT Update (Receive and File)**

*Duell moved and McManus seconded to approve the consent calendar as presented.*

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

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None

**5. Correspondence (6:04)**

**a. Grand Traverse Conservation District June 2021 Report**

**6. Reports**

**a. Construction Report (6:05)**

Township Engineer Jennifer Hodges reviewed her written report which indicated that bids would be opened for various Pressure Release Valves throughout the township. The Cass Road drain project is complete and the road is open. She indicated that she attended a pre-construction meeting at East River Park and work should begin in August. She is busy with plan reviews for several proposed developments.

**b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:09)**

Assistant Chief Tony Posey reported that there were 455 calls in Garfield Township in June and 271 of those were medical calls. A new breathing air compressor was purchased and six new lieutenants were named in the Metro organization as of July 1<sup>st</sup>. Metro emergency employees attended a training at Traverse City Light and Power because of a substation incident.

**c. MMR Report (6:17)**

Paul Owens, MMR Operations Manager, reviewed the call response time for the various calls and said that they have a shift change to provide better coverage beginning in August. MMR is offering monetary incentives to help fill gaps in staffing.

**d. County Commissioner's Report (6:30)**

County Commissioner Brad Jewett said new software was installed in Clerk's Office which would help the general public and would be live in a few weeks. The MERS pension is funded at 53% and commissioners are still discussing bonding the pension plan. There will be a public hearing on Oakleaf Village as an EDC requirement.

**e. Building Committee's Report (6:32)**

Duell said the Building Committee met concerning the roof and it will be bid out by Grand Traverse Construction. He explained the problems with the roof and said that a new plywood layer will be placed down and either

new shingles or a metal roof would be placed on top. Grand Traverse Construction will handle the project. Ray Kendra of Environmental Architects spoke about the details for the roofing project.

*Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to move forward with Mr. Kendra's suggestions and allow him and GT Construction to bring their ideas and bids to the building committee and then to the board.*

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

**f. Treasurer's Report (6:54)**

Blood Law said that her report was submitted in writing and she commented on the water and sewer funds.

**g. Supervisor's Report (6:57)**

Supervisor Korn stated that he toured the township after the heavy rains and Cass Road drainage was working well. The July Board of Review was uneventful and the Metro board approved their 2022 budget. Developers are working together for the installation of water and sewer on LaFranier Road.

**7. Unfinished Business (6:59)**

**a. PD 2021-100 –Marihuana Ordinance and Policy Considerations**

Sych updated board members on the marihuana ordinance and proposed policy changes. A possible police power ordinance would be needed to allow safety compliance facilities in the township and the zoning ordinance would need to be amended to pinpoint the location where these facilities could exist. The action must be timed to that they are adopted concurrently.

**8. New Business**

**a. Consideration of Adopting the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy (7:02)**

*Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest policy as presented.*

*Yeas: Agostinelli, Schmuckal, McManus, Blood Law, Barsheff, Duell, Korn*

*Nays: None*

**b. Consideration of accepting letter of resignation from Treasurer Jeane Blood Law effective August 19, 2021 (7:03)**

*Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to accept, with regret, Jeane Blood Law's resignation from the Treasurer position effective August 19, 2021.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, Duell, Barsheff, Agostinelli, Blood Law, McManus, Korn*

*Nays: None*

**c. Consideration of appointing Chloe Macomber to the vacant Treasurer position serving from August 20, 2021 until November 20, 2022. (7:04)**

Board members discussed the proposed appointment.

*Schmuckal moved and McManus seconded to appoint Chloe Macomber to the vacant Treasurer position for a term beginning on August 20, 2021 through November 20, 2022.*

*Yeas: Schmuckal, McManus, Barsheff, Agostinelli, Duell, Korn*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: Blood Law*

**9. Public Comment: (7:11)**

Blood Law said that this will be an easy and smooth transition for the position of Treasurer and stated that it was important to bring younger people into the township.

Brad Jewett commented on the township roof project and asked for more bids since taxpayer money would be spent.

Jennifer Hodges spoke about the roofing project and congratulated both Blood Law and Macomber on their future endeavors.

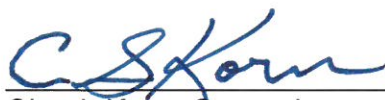
Chloe Macomber thanked the board for their support in appointing her to the treasurer position.

**10. Other Business (7:16)**

None

**11. Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:18pm.*



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