

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD**  
**TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**October 10, 2017**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on October 10, 2017 at 6:01p.m. at the Garfield Township Hall, 3848 Veterans Drive, Traverse City, Michigan.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of Board Members**

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

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

Mary Candle of Liberty Drive commented on the 70 acre development near Herkner Road.

**2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:04)**

Korn announced a conflict with item 7a.

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

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

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:04)**

**a. Minutes**

September 26, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes (Recommend Approval)

September 26, 2017 Study Session Minutes (Recommend Approval)

**b. Bills**

General Fund \$48,852.35

(Recommend Approval)

Blood Law asked if she should declare a conflict with the bills since her husband was paid. Board members made no motion to exclude her from the vote.

*Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal supported to approve the consent calendar as presented.*

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

*Nays: None*

**4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar (6:06)**

**a. None**

**5. Correspondence (6:06)**

a. Grand Traverse Conservation District – September 2017 Report

**6. Reports****a. Sheriff's Report (6:06)**

Lt. Chris Barsheff said there were 1,308 calls in Garfield Township last month and said that September was a fairly busy month. He will release more details regarding the handgun found in a bathroom in the mall when he is able. He and Deputy Halleck attended a conference where they made a presentation on active shooters and he believes that the progressive stance on the subject is the correct course to take. The department attended Shields of Hope at the Great Wolf Lodge for childhood cancer patients and performed a car seat check at Williams Chevrolet. Board members asked about a possible active shooter training for the Township employees and other townships could be included.

**b. County Commissioner's Report**

No report

**c. Clerk's Report (6:15)**

McManus said her report was submitted in writing and asked if there were any questions.

**d. Supervisor's Report (6:15)**

Korn has received a request to write a letter of support to the Dow Foundation for a grant for the Botanic Gardens at Barns Park and with Board member approval, he would write the letter. Board members approved the request. He met with the Safe Routes to School committee and discussed easements and the process for getting the path completed. A citizen fell on the TCAPS trail and the trail will be repaired in the spring. He added that the Building Committee and Ethics Committees needed to meet soon.

**7. Unfinished Business****a. Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2017-19-T (c) a Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Heritage Way Entry Road Special Assessment District (6:19)**

Korn excused himself and Agostinelli opened the Public Hearing on the proposed SAD at 6:20 p.m.

Fred Curow of Liberty Drive said he began the process and urged board members to push it forward.

Trustee Agostinelli closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

The estimated cost of the SAD is \$261.78 per parcel. Jim Cook, Manager of the Grand Traverse County Road Commission spoke about the project

and said it will be bid out in the winter. He cautioned that if it comes in at more than 10% higher than estimated, the Township may need another Public Hearing.

*Walters moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve Resolution 2017-19-T (c), a Tentative Special Assessment Roll for Heritage Way Entry Road Special Assessment District.*

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

**b. Public Hearing – 2017 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate (6:24)**

Korn said that the millage rate will remain at 2.0 with no change. The Public Hearing was opened at 6:26 p.m. and seeing no one wishing to speak, it was closed.

*Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the 2017 Charter Township of Garfield Millage Rate at 2.0 mills.*

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

**c. Steve Largent – Cass Road Drain Project Update (6:27)**

Largent reviewed the Cass Road Drainage district with board members. He said the wetlands are holding water and there are problems with the railroad crossing, culverts and exposed water main in the area. Impervious surfaces also contribute to the issue. A special assessment district will be formed to alleviate the problem and the Road Commission will bid the project in February and hopefully begin construction in the spring of 2018. Largent mentioned that a recent meeting with property owners in the area went well and Jim Cook added that the County Road Commission would be assessed as well and also be participating in the project by paving a turn lane.

**8. New Business**

**a. 2017 Appointments – Highlighted List of Appointments Expiring on 12/31/2017 (6:37)**

Board members were given a list of all Township Board and Commission committee positions and their expiration dates. If their term was expiring in December, Korn asked them to fill out a form indicating their preferences for service on a certain board or commission.

**9. Public Comment: (6:42)**

None

**10. Other Business (6:43)**


Blood Law commented about the pocket parks and asked that the Parks


Commission review the matter again. She cautions moving forward with the Parks Master Plan until the public has been consulted on the pocket park matter.

Agostinelli asked about the Beacon Hills swim area and its ownership status.

**11. Adjournment**

*Korn adjourned the meeting at 6:53pm*

  
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