

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2018**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on October 23, 2018 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: Denise Schmuckal, Dan Walters, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Molly Agostinelli, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

Staff Present: Erik Perdonik

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Matt Anderson announced his candidacy for TCAPS School Board.
Deyer Jamil announced her candidacy for the TCAPS School Board.

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

Korn added Grand Traverse Metro Report as item g. under Reports.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:06)

a. Minutes

October 9, 2018 (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund (Recommend Approval)	\$310,134.47
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Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water Review	\$1,542.50
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Developer's Escrow Fund – Utility Plan Review	\$3,250.00
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Oversight & Closeout

<u>Utility Receiving Fund</u>	<u>20,520.00</u>
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Total	\$25,312.50
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(Recommend Approval)

- c. Application for Progress Payment #3 on the Boardman Valley Nature Preserve Site Improvements to Elmer’s Crane and Dozer for \$82,703.75 (Recommend Approval)**
- d. Acceptance of Close-Out and turnover documents for Traditions at Ashland Park (Recommend Approval)**
- e. Acceptance of Close-Out and Turnover documents for Chelsea Park (Final Phase) (Recommend Approval)**

Duell asked to remove consent item 3.b. – Gourdie-Fraser Bills to item 4.a.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:07)

a. Bills – Gourdie Fraser

Duell asked about the utility plan review on M-37. Hodges said that the sewer and water had been studied since businesses are showing interest.

Duell moved and Blood Law seconded to approve Consent Calendar Item 3.b. - Bills.

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

Nays: None

5. Correspondence (6:13)

None

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:13)

Engineer Jennifer Hodges reported that the project at Eaglehurst is moving forward and other loose ends from summer construction projects are being completed. She enjoyed the tank visit with Board members and the Boardman Valley project is hitting snags with the weather. Discussion took place regarding the new DEQ ruling on water leads to within 18 inches of the house.

b. County Commissioner’s Report (6:21)

None

c. Northflight Report (6:21)

Tim Newton presented the quarterly report which had 387 calls in Garfield Township and added that they are meeting time requirements 89% of the time. Applications are being accepted for new employees and Munson is offering scholarships to those

interested in the paramedic program. There is a new ambulance at Station 11 and that location is a 24 hour call location.

d. Treasurer's Report (6:25)

Blood Law explained some minor changes in the accounts.

e. Clerk's Report (6:30)

McManus said that 2,892 absentee ballots were sent out and 62% of those have been returned.

f. Supervisor's Report (6:31)

Korn reported that he discussed next year's Ironman Competition with the Convention Bureau and part of the competition will be held in Garfield Township. He also attended a housing summit and a new rate study will be done once the new NW Tank is up and running.

g. Grand Traverse Metro Report (6:34)

Lt. Steve Apostal reported that the new Engine 11 has arrived and will be put into service soon. Physical ability tests are being done this week and the ISO review will be completed soon. Fire Safety week kept the staff busy and car seat fittings were performed for the public. The public can take used smoke detectors to any of the fire departments for disposal. Board members briefly discussed the Articles of Incorporation at Metro and will hold a study session regarding Metro after the election.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Consumer's Utility easement/Water Main Crossing Request (6:50)

Engineer Jennifer Hodges said Consumers is formally requesting permission to cross the newly installed watermain and use a portion of the easement off of Cedar Run Road to install a fiber optic line. She recommends the four conditions outlined in her report dated October 16, 2018.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to grant permission to Consumers to cross the existing easement with all four conditions set forth by Hodges, as well as, not utilizing the corner to cross the easement and adding language ensuring that Consumer's is responsible for their own fiber optic line in case of a leak.

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

Nays: None

b. Consideration of Conducting a Noise Study for Car Washes (6:58)

Deputy Planner Erik Perdonik asked how the board wants to approach the decibel level of car washes in the Township. He studied the issue and found that the community average is quite a bit higher than Garfield's zoning ordinance 40

decibel level. He asked board members for direction on how to proceed. Board members discussed the issue and asked Perdonik to work with the Planning Commission to determine the scope of the study and the cost of such a study once a new Planning Director is hired.

c. Consideration of going into closed session to discuss attorney's opinion letter and real estate purchase relating to the Tart Trail. (7:18)

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to go into closed session at 7:18pm for the purpose of discussion of an attorney's opinion letter for a real estate purchase.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 7:32pm.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded to authorize the Township Supervisor to enter into a purchase agreement for an easement across the property owned by Good News Auto/Michael Cook for purposes of the construction, use and maintenance of a non-motorized multi-purpose trail. The terms for the purchase shall be as generally outlined in the memo from legal counsel dated October 23, 2018, and the purchase price for the easement shall be \$9,139.00, which shall be provided to the Township by TART Trails. The terms of the easement shall be substantially similar to other easements granted for the Boardman Lake Trail. The purchase agreement and the easement language shall be subject to approval as to substance by the Township Supervisor and as to form by Township legal counsel.

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

9. Public Comment (7:08)

None

10. Other Business (7:09)

Blood Law mentioned the use of the meeting room and suggested a policy for use of the meeting room. She and McManus will work on such a policy.

Blood Law suggested that the subject of ambulance service be discussed at the special meeting for the Metro discussion.

Agostinelli asked for a calendar for upcoming budget meetings and Metro meetings.

11. Adjournment

Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41p.m.



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