

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 27, 2020**

Supervisor Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on October 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members

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

Staff Present: Planning Director, John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:00)

None

2. Review and Approval of the Amended Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:01)

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

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:01)

a. Minutes

October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$293,037.65
(Recommend Approval)	

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

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

Nays: None

4. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None

5. Correspondence (6:03)

None

6. Reports**a. Construction Report – Cass Road Drain Project (6:03)**

Township Engineer Jennifer Hodges thanked everyone who came out to help during the flooding in Cass district last week. Hodges presented an overview of the Cass Road Drain project via computer slide show. She gave the history of the entire drainage district and showed maps where there is seasonal flooding. She gave a project timeline and how the project has moved forward to this point. Phase One and Two were out for bids and the project will move forward in November as soon as the bonds are approved. A completion date of August 2021 is projected. Drain Commissioner Steve Largent spoke on the project and the phases of the project. Largent assured the board that there is a plan in place for a new drain commissioner to take over. Board members discussed the drainage district and asked questions.

b. GT Metro Fire Report (6:33)

Chief Pat Parker said that board packets included statistics on all calls in September 2020. He added that GT Metro is on track to have about 4,900 calls for the year which is a 4% increase from last year. Parker does not anticipate many changes with the North Flight/Mobile Medical Response merger. The Station 11 remodel is beginning next week and the Metro had a very successful fire prevention week where the focus was cooking safety.

c. North Flight Report (6:40)

North Flight Operations Manager Dave Grattopp said that a detailed call report was included in board packets and the call volumes were typical. The merger between Mobile Medical Response (MMR) and North Flight is effective on December 1st. Both parties intend to have minimal change and will continue to provide excellent care to its patients.

d. County Commissioner's Report (6:46)

Commissioner Brad Jewett said that the Board of Commissioners approved the 2020 equalization report and the financing for the Cass Road Drain District. There will be a study session to discuss IT upgrades and some budget items and the Sheriff's department has begun to research body cams. The county continues to use the appointment system and board members expressed complaints on behalf of township residents regarding the policy.

e. Planning Department Monthly Report for October PD 2020-145 (6:56)

Planner John Sych reported on activities that the Planning Commission was working on including administrative amendments, a rezoning for Carter Lumber, a PUD Minor Amendment for Lake Pointe Village and a Prince of Peace Lutheran Church project. Planning Commissioners are

reviewing Sections 2,3,and 7 of the ordinance with the intent to streamline the processes.

f. Treasurer's Report (7:01)

Treasurer Blood Law reviewed funds with board members and added that the state sharing revenues are down by 1.52%.

g. Supervisor's Report (7:03)

Supervisor Korn reported that MMR is committed to improving the health care emergency service in the area. He talked about a possible new PILOT request for Village Glen and the flooding issue last week in the Cass Road area.

7. Unfinished Business

None

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Amendment to Municipal Ordinance No. 37 – Violations Bureau – Introduction and Schedule for Public Hearing

Zoning Administrator Michael Green presented the proposed amendment to Municipal Ordinance No. 37 which was corrected to show that the courts can enforce the fines.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded THAT the draft changes to Garfield Township Ordinance No. 37, as attached to this report BE SCHEDULED for public hearing for the November 10,2020 Township Board Regular Meeting.

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

b. Consideration of Proposed Ordinance No. 75 – DAS/Small Cell Wireless Facilities – Introduction and Schedule for Public Hearing (7:13)

Michael Green reviewed the proposed ordinance which was written as a response to Michigan Public Act 365 of 2018 and allows companies to place small cell wireless facilities in road right-of-ways.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded THAT Garfield Township Ordinance No. 75, as attached to this report, BE SCHEDULED for public hearing for the November 10, 2020 Township Board Regular meeting. Board members discussed the proposed ordinance and asked questions about applications and any monetary compensation to the township.

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

c. Consideration of bids for snow removal services for two winter seasons – 2020-2022 (7:24)

Planner John Sych, speaking on behalf of Parks Steward Derek Morton, said that snow removal bids were obtained and it was recommended that the SVEC bid be accepted for the plowing at the township offices and Landgreen be accepted for the Silver Lake Recreation Area walking path, southwest lot, main drive and the trails at Barns and Buffalo Ridge. These bids were for both the 2020-21 season and the 2021-22 season with an option for a third year.

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to accept SVEC's bid for snowplowing the Township Office Parking lot for the 2020-21 season and the 2021-22 season, with the option for a third year.

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

Schmuckal moved and Walters seconded to accept Landgreen's bid for snow-blowing and plowing the Silver Lake Recreation Area Walking path, SLRA Southwest lot, Main Drive and Barns and Buffalo Ridge Trails for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 seasons with an option for a third year.

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

d. Consideration of renewing medical and vision employee benefits (7:29)

Supervisor Korn explained that this was a renewal of the carriers currently in place.

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to renew the current medical and vision packages for 2021 as presented.

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

e. Consideration of financing or cash option for the Cass Road Drain Project (7:31)

Supervisor Korn explained that the township's portion of the Cass Road Drain project was \$319,700.00. Treasurer Blood Law recommends that the township pay the entire amount up front to save a potential \$59,000 in interest over 20 years. If financed, a bond would charge 1.83% over 20 years and did not allow for the option to pay off early. Board members discussed the options.

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to pay the single payment of \$319,700 as Garfield Township's portion of the Cass Road Drainage Project to come from the General Fund.

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

9. **Public Comment: (7:42)**

None

10. **Other Business (7:43)**

Schmuckal asked for more time to contemplate large financial decisions.

11. **Adjournment**

Korn adjourned the meeting at 7:46pm



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