

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 9, 2018

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on October 9, 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, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Molly Agostinelli, Steve Duell, Dan Walters and Chuck Korn

Staff Present: Rob Larrea, Erik Perdonik

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Matt Cowall, representing the Joint Recreation Authority reminded board members of the public visioning sessions and urged them to attend. He also discussed the contingency resolution in case the Recreation Authority should ever dissolve.

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

Duell asked to add Noise Ordinance – Carwashes under Other Business. Schmuckal asked to add Planning Director actions under the Personnel Committee Report.

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to approve the agenda as amended with the preceding additions.

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

3. Consent Calendar (6:05)

a. Minutes

September 25, 2018 (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund	\$275,763.03
(Recommend Approval)	

c. MTT Update (Receive and File)

d. PD 2018-100 Schostak Brothers & Company Inc./Amerco Real Estate Company - Introduce and schedule for Public Hearing on November 13, 2018

Consent Calendar Item 3.d was removed to item 4.a.

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

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:05)

**a. PD 2018-100 Schostak Brothers & Company Inc./Amerco Real Estate Company
Introduce and schedule for Public Hearing on November 13, 2018**

Larrea explained that this was a Proposal from Shostak Brothers and UHaul for two amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. These amendments would add the use and a new definition to the ordinance. Proper procedure is being followed and now the proposal is in front of the Board to determine if they wish to rule differently on the matter.

Duell moved and Blood Law seconded THAT application Z-2017-04 BE SCHEDULED for public hearing for the Garfield Township Board meeting to be held on November 13, 2018.

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

Nays: None

5. Correspondence (6:11)

a. Grand Traverse Conservation District – September 2018 Report

b. Email from Julie Clark – Boardman Lake Loop Update

6. Reports

a. Sheriff's Report (6:12)

Lt. Barsheff said that there were 1,398 calls for service in Garfield Township in September which accounted for 41% of all calls in the county. He reported on community events and the sheriff's department's role in many of them. The speed sign will be placed on E. Silver Lake Road. Drug Take Back day is coming up on October 27th.

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:16)

No commissioner present

c. Personnel Committee Report (6:16)

(i) Consideration of the hiring of Karen Leaver for the position of Office Coordinator
After interviews, the Personnel Committee recommends hiring Karen Leaver for the Office Coordinator position. She can begin in November.

Schmuckal moved to hire Karen Leaver for the position of Office Coordinator and Blood Law seconded.

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

(ii) **Planner Position**

Planner Director Rob Larrea has tendered his resignation and ads have been placed. All applications for the vacancy are due on October 26th. Board members thanked him for his years of service to the Township. Deputy Planner Erik Perdonik will be the Acting Planning Director and the Personnel Committee recommends that his salary reflect his added duties.

Schmuckal moved and McManus seconded to upgrade Erik Perdonik's salary to that of the Planning Director's salary while he is the Acting Planning Director.

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

d. Clerk's Report (6:22)

McManus said the absentee ballots have been going out and approximately 2500 have been received to date.

e. Supervisor's Report (6:25)

Korn said that he has been on vacation. He added that an official opinion was expected shortly in the short term rental matter.

7. Unfinished Business

a. PD 2018-99 – Public Hearing – Minor Revision to Floodplain Management Ordinance – Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 72 and Consideration of Resolution 2018-35-T, a resolution to adopt Amendment One to Garfield Township Ordinance No. 72 (6:27)

Larrea said that this item is a minor revision to the numbers in the official document. Korn opened the Public Hearing 6:28pm and upon seeing no one wishing to speak, closed the Public Hearing.

Schmuckal moved THAT Resolution 2018-35-T adopting Amendment One to Charter Township of Garfield Ordinance No. 72, as attached to PD Report 2018-99, BE ADOPTED. Blood Law seconded the motion.

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

b. Consideration of Resolution 2018-31-T, the 2019 Budget Resolution for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority (6:29)

Board members expressed concerns with the administration of the current budget, the 4-2 votes, and failure to address the Articles of Incorporation and leases, and the 2019 budget as presented.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the 2019 Budget Resolution for Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority.

Yeas: Walters

Nays: Schmuckal, Duell, Blood Law, Agostinelli, McManus, Korn

8. New Business

a. Matt Cowall - LIAA Contract (6:34)

Cowall said that this is a Revised Contract for the television services that LIAA provides. Only two changes will be noticeable to the Township. The percentage of shared funds has been lowered and now LIAA will pay for equipment operators.

Agostinelli moved to adopt the Amended and Restated Contract between the Charter Township of Garfield and LIAA. Schmuckal seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

b. Consideration of Amending the Industrial Tax Exemption agreement between the Charter Township of Garfield and RJG, Inc. to add an additional 10 years to the length (6:41)

Korn said that RJG has done everything asked of them and recommends extending the Tax Exemption until 2028.

Agostinelli moved and Walters seconded to adopt Resolution 2018-36-T, approving an amendment to and extension of, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2017-018 for RJG Technologies, Inc.

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

Nays: None

c. 2018 Appointments – Highlighted list of appointments expiring on 12/31/2018 (6:44)

A list of appointments was given to board members in the packet and they were reminded that they need to apply for appointments by October 30th.

d. PD 2018-95 – Direction/Action regarding Silver Lake Recreation Area Improvements (6:49)

Erik Perdonik said that Park Commissioners recently walked through the park and reviewed what needed to be done. The Park Commission is asking for a motion to spend up to \$5,000 to plant trees for the buffer along Silver Lake Road to shield homes across the street from view.

Schmuckal moved to allow up to \$5,000 for 6 or more evergreens to be placed in the buffer area alongside E. Silver Lake Road. Blood Law seconded.

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

Park Commissioners also wished to have improvements to the Well House and a sidewalk included in the 2019 budget. Nets at the basketball courts need to be completed.

9. Public Comment (6:58)

Engineer Jennifer Hodges said that the tank visit will be held on October 23rd at 5pm.

10. Other Business (7:00)


Duell talked about the noise ordinance as it pertains to car washes. He would like the Board to determine the justification for the 40 decibel number. Board members discussed and decided to put that item on the Oct 23rd agenda.

McManus said there needs to be a study session for the 2019 Budget. She will message everyone to determine a date.

Agostinelli stated that a Building Committee meeting also is needed in the near future.

11. Adjournment

Schmuckal moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



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