

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD  
TOWN BOARD MEETING  
November 27, 2018**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on November 27, 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, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

Absent and Excused: Molly Agostinelli

**1. Public Comment (6:01)**

John Sych of East Bay Township introduced himself as the new Planning Director for Garfield Township. He looks forward to working with everyone.

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

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

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

*Nays: None*

**3. Consent Calendar (6:03)**

**a. Minutes**

**November 13, 2018 (Recommend Approval)**

**b. Bills**

**General Fund**

**\$61,866.25**

**(Recommend Approval) (Moved to Items Removed from the Consent Calendar)**

**c. Application for Progress Payment No. 3 and Change Order No. 2 for the NW Water System Project – Division B to DN Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$131,934.62 (Recommend Approval)**

**d. Application for Progress Payment No. 5 and Change Order No. 3 for the NW Water System Project – Division A to DN Tanks, Inc. in the amount of \$8,730.00 (Recommend Approval)**

**e. Letter of Acceptance – Turnover Documents – traditions Phase 2 – Umber Drive Water Main (Recommend Approval)**

**f. Change Order #2 for Boardman Valley Nature Preserve Site Improvements (Recommend Approval)**

Board members asked to remove consent Item b. to Agenda item #4.

Blood Law declared a conflict of interest with the bills and board members declined her conflict.

*Blood Law moved and Duell seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.*

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

*Nays: None*

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

**b. Bills**

**General Fund, \$61,866.25**

Walters asked questions regarding the Prein & Newhof bill.

*Walters moved and Blood Law seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$61,886.25.*

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

*Nays: None*

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

**a. Flyer for Forum on Wireless Technologies: Benefits and Risks**

**6. Reports**

**a. Construction Report (6:07)**

Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie-Frasier said that unfortunately work on the new water tank had to be stopped for the winter. It will be drained and tested in the spring. The Traditions water main was closed out and came in under budget. Due to the weather, the Boardman Valley pickleball courts could not be painted and will be done in the spring. The Cass Road drainage district is still ongoing and contractors are hoping for spring construction. She also completed multiple storm water reviews.

**b. GT Metro Fire Department Report (6:11)**

Assistant Chief Steve Apostol has worked on the ISO rating and should know something shortly. Chief Parker talked with the ISD and did a news story on public safety in the hopes of raising awareness of a career in emergency services. The department has now received all rescue task force equipment. The department recently attended the Toys for Tots event and did some Up North Live segments for news. He reviewed Metro calls with the Board members and discussed the car seat safety checks.

**c. Northflight EMS Report (6:22)**

Tim Newton said that there were 123 priority calls in Garfield Township in October. A new ambulance will be picked up tomorrow. Munson will continue with a scholarship program for those wanting to be a paramedic and Northflight continues to be well staffed.

**d. County Commissioner's Report (6:27)**

No report

**c. Supervisor's Report (6:27)**

Supervisor Korn said that an assessing reform bill is keeping him and Assessor Amy DeHaan busy. The Boardman Lake Loop is having difficulty obtaining an easement. The Cass Road Drainage district also has one difficult party. He stated that the board held two study sessions on the 2019 budget and Metro Fire and regrets the situation that the Township is in with Metro Fire. He said that the Township has no problem with the employees at Metro.

**7. Unfinished Business**

None

**8. New Business****a. Consideration of Resolution 2018-39-T, a Resolution of Intent to Withdraw from Metro (6:31)**

Board members noted that the resolution was not on the Metro Board agenda for today's meeting and asked whether this action was premature. Korn said that proper notice given today to Metro would end the relationship in December 2019. If we wait until our next meeting, it will end in December of 2020. Board members discussed the Resolution and hoped that the other townships will take some action to resolve issues that have been presented and this Resolution will be repealed.

*Blood Law moved to adopt Resolution 2018-39-T, a Resolution of Intent to Withdraw from Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services. Schmuckal supported the motion.*

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

*Nays: Walters*

**b. Consideration of Consumers Power proposal on street lights (6:47)**

Doug DeYoung and Curtis Hertel from Consumers Power, said that during road construction on S. Airport Road, five streetlights were moved and some underground wiring needs to be replaced. There are also some other streetlights in the Township that need to be replaced. Hertel reviewed the options for the lights with Board members. He noted that eventually, Consumers will replace all lighting with LED lights as the high pressure sodium lights burn out. Board members asked questions regarding the pole replacements and the kilowatts and lumens of the LED lighting as proposed. Specs for both will be provided by Consumers.

*Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to replace 13 streetlights at a cost of \$1,534.00 and replace 28 streetlights at a cost of \$9,072.00 for a total cost of \$10,606.00*

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

**9. Public Comment (7:16)**

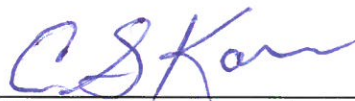
*Jason Gilman of East Bay Township commented on the Metro decision.  
Darren Mansfield a firefighter with Metro, commented regarding the Metro decision.  
Judith Danford, of Garfield Township expressed her disappointment in the resolution.  
Sherri Sprenger of Long Lake Township commented on the Metro Resolution.  
Eric Keller of Orchard View commented on the Metro Resolution and said one year is not a lot of time to get a station together.  
Tony Posey of Metro Fire said many extra services are given to townships with Metro Fire that many do not even realize.*

**10. Other Business (7:30)**

*McManus said that the proposed 2019 Budget will be sent out before the next meeting.  
Korn will go to Lansing regarding Short Term Rentals.  
Schmuckal commented on the Short Term Rentals.*

**11. Adjournment**

*Korn moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm.*



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