

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 22, 2019

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on January 22, 2019 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, Molly Agostinelli, Lanie McManus, Jeane Blood Law, Steve Duell and Chuck Korn

Staff Present: Planner John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:00)

Kathy Huschke of Liberty Drive supports the Hickory Hills landscaping proposal.

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, Agostinelli, Blood Law, Walters, McManus, Korn

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

January 8, 2019 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund \$79,198.83
(Recommend Approval)

c. MTT Report (Receive and File)

d. 2018 Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Report (Receive and File)

e. Proposed private road name Morning Glory Lane (Recommend Approval)

Consent item d. was removed by a board member to item 4.a.

Blood Law moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

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

Nays: None

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:04)

a. 2018 Parks and Recreation Annual Report

Board members inquired about the River East Park and the grant which was not awarded. Concerns were raised about funds for River East coming from the general fund. Sych said the Parks and Rec commission is still pursuing other avenues and will re-assess to gain points for the grant.

Blood Law moved and Duell seconded to Receive and File the 2018 Parks and Recreation Annual Report.

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

5. Correspondence (6:08)

a. U of M eCities Recognition

Sych said that Garfield Township recently received recognition for community vitality from the U of M eCitites program and scored 4 stars.

b. Emails in support of the Hickory Hills Project

6. Reports

a. GT Metro Fire Report (6:10)

Assistant Metro Fire Chief Steve Apostal reviewed the major incidents in the township recently including an industrial accident and three environmentally hazardous spills which needed clean up help. He added that there was a fatal fire on Jan 1st.

b. County Commissioner's Report (6:18)

No commissioner was present.

c. Northflight Representative (6:19)

Tim Newton from Northflight said he got many new applicants for vacancies and added that he is now the operations manager for Northflight and everything is moving along positively. The new ambulance is in service. Board members requested a monthly mutual aid report and discussed mutual aid with Asst. Chief Apostal as well.

d. Treasurer's Report (6:22)

No report

e. Supervisor's Report (6:23)

Korn said that there was a meeting on the east/west corridor and access management was discussed. At the Metro study session, mediation was discussed and Garfield Township named five attorneys who they would like to be a mediator. At the Metro Fire regular meeting, a new central dispatch equipment upgrade was announced and the mutual aid charges would be eliminated. Township will try the new system for four months to see how it works. The newly formed Township Metro Committee met and discussed a preliminary idea to begin a new department if there is no resolution to the problem.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Consideration of upgrading video and switching system in the Garfield Township large conference room (6:39)**

Based upon bids, Waara Technologies has the low bid and the committee recommends that the Waara bid be approved. Todd Waara spoke to the board and told them plans for what he intends to do in the room.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to award the bid to Waara Technologies in the amount of \$23,865.21 to upgrade the video and switching system in the large conference room.

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

8. **New Business**

a. **Proposed Joint Meeting of Township Board and Planning Commission (6:48)**

John Sych said that a joint meeting between the Planning Commission and the Board would be a good opportunity to talk about priorities for the township. He proposes the date of February 27th which would normally be a Planning Commission study session. Board members requested that the meeting begin at 6:00pm. He will send out some preliminary emails to help him get an agenda together after gaining approval from the Planning Commission.

b. **Funding Request for Landscaping at Hickory Hills Recreation Area (6:52)**

Laura Ness, President of Preserve Hickory, is requesting monetary assistance with a landscaping proposal. It was recommended by the Parks and Rec Commission for approval by the board. The cost of the landscaping plan is \$57,000. She discussed the history of the Hickory Hills ski area and this organization as well as the Hickory Hills Master Plan. A question as to whether the township can legally give the money to Preserve Hickory was brought up. Board members asked for more details on the proposal as well. A decision was deferred to determine the legality of the request.

c. Resolution 2009-04-T Township Officers Salary (7:13)

This Resolution was passed in December but study sessions are not included nor are special training meetings, board training meetings, or Metro Alternates. The board discussed the per diem for each meeting. Korn will rewrite the resolution for clarification of the meetings and the stipend.

9. Public Comment (7:22)

Kyle Klute, Station 11 Lieutenant, commented on the Metro issue and asked the board to consider revoking the resolution which stated that Garfield Township would leave Metro.

10. Other Business (7:24)

a. Consideration of Resolution 2019-01-T, a resolution on Mediation Members for Metro open issues

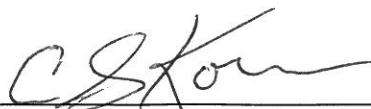
Korn said this resolution states that Garfield Township will voluntarily enter mediation to solve the Metro Fire issues. Board members discussed the issues and decided that funding is still an issue as is affirmative votes for any cost over 1% of the total budget.

Schmuckal moved and Agostinelli seconded to adopt the resolution and the further request that the cost of mediation be shared among the three townships equally and that Steve Duell and Chuck Korn be named as township representatives for mediation.

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

11. Adjournment

Korn moved and moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm.



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