

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 24, 2020

Chuck Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on March 24, 2020 at 6:04 p.m. via the Zoom Application.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of Board Members – Meeting held via ZOOM

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

Staff Present: Planning Director John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:05)

Tom Cash called in from Alabama thanked the board for allowing the public to participate in the meeting
Judy Rolling called in and is with Tom Cash.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:06)

Korn asked to add a resolution to allow the board of trustees to meet electronically add under item #3 and added item 8D – PD Report 2020-51 Lawn Care Bids.

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

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

3. Resolution to Allow Board of Trustees to Meet Electronically

*Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt Resolution 2020-06
Allowing the Board of Trustees to meet electronically during the COVID-19 Crisis.*

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

4. Consent Calendar (6:02)

a. Minutes

February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting
(Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

General Fund \$166,898.85
(Recommend Approval)

Duell moved and Walters seconded to adopt the consent calendar as Presented.

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

5. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

a. None

6. Correspondence

a. **Grand Traverse Conservation District – February 2020 Report**

7. Reports**a. GT Metro Fire Report (6:12)**

Assistant Chief Steve Apostol said they are waiting on Station 11 information to move forward with some construction on the facility. All stations are closed to the public and limited interaction is being allowed. Inspections are down at this time and a report indicated that there were no major fires last month, but a few rescue calls. They have been doing some remote interviews and trying to keep everyone fit and healthy.

b. North Flight Report (6:19)

Paul Owens from North Flight said overall volume for the year is down at this time and they are adjusting budgets for next year. North Flight has been collaborating with other area EMS entities for the worst case scenario and trying to plan accordingly. They have two paramedic openings in the Traverse City area. Response times are still in the acceptable ranges.

c. County Commissioner's Report (6:24)

Commissioner Brad Jewett said last week's Board of Commissioners meeting was cancelled but they did hold an emergency meeting to pay bills and get a credit payment for the county in place. The County has a website for the COVID 19 crisis and a Facebook page as well.

d. Planning Department Monthly Report, PD-2020-48 (6:27)

Planner John Sych reviewed the activity that the Planning Commission has been working on and added that the April 8th meeting has been rescheduled to April 22nd. He has reached out to all applicants to notify them of the changes and is even expecting a couple more applications in the near future.

e. Clerk's Report (6:31)

McManus submitted her report in writing and said that election day was very busy with many coming in to register to vote.

f. Supervisor's Report (6:32)

Korn said he has been working from home and spending lots of time on the phone. IT right is working on the computer systems now and employees should have access to all apps to ensure that they can efficiently work from home.

8. Unfinished Business

None

9. New Business

a. PD 2020-46 Consideration of Distribution of Draft Barlow Garfield Neighborhood Plan (6:33)

Sych stated that the Planning Commission began this process last May to add this neighborhood plan to the Master Plan for Garfield Township. He reviewed the history of the plan including public engagement and how it now stands before the Board of Trustees for approval of distribution. He added that there may be some additional sub area plans coming in the future. Board members asked questions and discussed the plan

Agostinelli moved and Blood Law seconded to approve disbursement of the Draft Barlow Garfield Neighborhood Plan for the 42 day review period in accordance with the Michigan Enabling Act.

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

b. PD 2020-47 Consideration of Amendment to Grand Traverse Commons Development Regulations (6:42)

Planner Sych explained that the City of Traverse City and the Charter Township of Garfield Recreational Authority is proposing to amend Article 9 by replacing the conceptual site development plan with a formal site development plan which includes new vehicular circulation patterns, new paved drives and new parking areas. A Public Hearing was held and the next step calls for Township Board approval. The cost of any improvements will be covered by the Joint Recreation Authority. Matt Cowall, Executive Director of the Joint Recreation Authority, spoke regarding the issue and how this plan would help to control water runoff and further preserve the structures. He said that the plan remains faithful to the public vision for the property. Board members asked questions about event group sizes and the proposed parking.

Agostinelli moved and Schmuckal seconded that the proposed amendment to Article 9 of the Grand Traverse Commons Development Regulations BE APPROVED.

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

c. Consideration of authorizing Supervisor to sign Confirmation Agreement to Continue existing agreement with North Flight Inc. (6:55)

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the Confirmation Agreement to Continue the existing agreement with North Flight, Inc.

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

d. PD 2020-51 Bids for Lawn Care Services

Bids were sought for mowing and fertilization services throughout the township for the 2020 season. Korn recommends that the mowing and landscaping contract be awarded to Esch Landscaping and the fertilization contract be awarded to Lawn Green. Board members asked questions and discussed the contracts. Derek Morton also talked about the fertilization contract.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded that mowing and Landscaping throughout the township for the 2020 season be awarded to Esch Landscaping and that the fertilization contract be awarded to Lawn Green for a two year contract with a third year option on both.

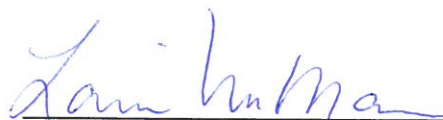
10. Public Comment:
None

11. Other Business (7:04)
The next meeting will be held on April 14th.

12. Adjournment
Korn adjourned at 7:05pm.



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