

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF GARFIELD
TOWN BOARD MEETING
March 26, 2019**

Supervisor Korn called the Town Board Meeting to order on March 26, 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, Jeane Blood Law, Dan Walters, Molly Agostinelli, Steve Duell, Lanie McManus and Chuck Korn

Staff present: Planner John Sych

1. Public Comment (6:01)

Alisa Korn commented that she is disappointed in the revised fireworks ordinance but realizes that the township ordinance cannot supersede the state law.

2. Review and Approval of the Agenda - Conflict of Interest (6:05)

Board members added Unfinished Business Item B – Metro Discussion.

Agostinelli moved and Walters seconded to approve the agenda as amended.

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

Nays: None

3. Consent Calendar (6:06)

a. Minutes

March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting (Recommend Approval)

b. Bills

**General Fund \$39,556.35
(Recommend Approval)**

Gourdie-Fraser

Developer's Escrow Fund – Storm Water Reviews 1,532.50

**Developer's Escrow Fund – Utility Plan Review,
Oversight and Closeout 4,769.38**

Utility Receiving Fund 18,704.50

Total \$23,473.88

(Recommend Approval)

Board members asked to remove the Bills to item 4.a.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to adopt the consent calendar as amended.

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

4. Items removed from the Consent Calendar (6:08)

Board members asked about an expense related to voting equipment.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$39,556.35.

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

5. Correspondence (6:10)

None

6. Reports

a. Construction Report (6:10)

Engineer Jennifer Hodges from Gourdie Fraser reported that the new tank will not be fully complete until May. She added that DEQ approval is needed for phase three final approval. The US 31 corridor historically has had low water pressure and she will keep a close eye on the situation since there is recent interest in development. Gourdie Fraser continues to assist the township on the west side water tank rehabilitation. The Cass Road drainage district bidding improvements have been extended and there have been many stormwater reviews.

b. Assessors Report (6:15)

Township Assessor Amy DeHaan reported that the township property values indicate that the area is officially out of the recession and numbers are up once again. Numbers for the Board of Review were light this year.

c. GT County Metro Report 6:17

Lt. Steve Apostal from GT Metro reported on residential and commercial fires in the area including a water rescue and assisted in the house fire with a gunman. The department is working to get more carbon monoxide and smoke alarms for residents. The ISO results are in and went from 5 to 4 in areas with hydrants and 6 to 5 in non-hydrant areas.

d. Northflight Report (6:28)

Tim Newton from Northflight said that in 2018, Northflight ran 7,483 calls. In February of 2019, they had 93 calls. Some calls were delayed due to weather. The department finished with the TBAISD Career Tech Center training and hopes it creates interest in emergency services careers.

e. **County Commissioner's Report 6:32**

County Commissioner Bryce Hundley reported that the Commissioners listened to a Traverse City Airport presentation on their management model. They may be moving to an authority model. County finances show everything is moving forward and going in the right direction. The County Commission also approved a grant for the COA to promote benefits for the elderly.

f. **Supervisor's Report (6:40)**

Korn said that he attended a Boardman Lake Loop meeting and there is a DEQ dispute over a boardwalk. The Traverse City Chamber of Commerce is contemplating an indoor sports facility which may be located outside of the city. Any such project would need to be funded by fundraising. The advertisement was placed for an auditor and two responses were received. An inquiry about another PILOT project was also received and board members agreed to research the project fully before deciding to take it on.

7. **Unfinished Business**

a. **Public Hearing – Consideration of Resolution 2019-07-T, a resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 73, Silver Lake No Wake Zone (6:46)**

After a short discussion Korn opened the Public Hearing at 6:49pm.

Paul Starner of Harbor Court said that he is glad everyone is in agreement regarding the no wake zone. He asked about the supplies that his group would need to enforce the zone.

Sheriff Tom Bentsley said he would be happy to work with the group and added that the ordinance will be enforced.

Jim Sanford of Highland Drive commented that he is supportive of the passage of the ordinance.

Elden Lamb commented that wakes are everywhere on the lake and he is concerned about erosion.

Korn closed the Public Hearing at 6:57.

Schmuckal moved and Blood Law seconded THAT Resolution 2019-07-T adopting Garfield Township Ordinance No. 73, an MDNR Law Enforcement Division Special Local Watercraft Control Ordinance for Silver Lake, as attached to Planning Department Report 2019-31, BE ADOPTED.

Board members discussed the wake zone and the enforcement.

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

b. **GT Metro Issue (6:59)**

Korn and Duell reported that they met with other township board members and supervisors to try to come to a solution before going to mediation. Affirmative votes from each township were discussed for certain budget items as well as for changing the articles of

incorporation or adding by laws. The board discussed the proposed ideas extensively. The date used for determination of taxable value was discussed and a settlement date is still being discussed.

8. New Business

a. Discussion and Consideration of support for Michigan townships to have the option of holding township board members elections on the nonpartisan ballot (7:33)

Korn said that this proposal would give the township the option to eliminate party affiliations in township board member elections. Board members discussed the issue and made their recommendations.

Yeas: Korn, Blood Law

Nays: Walters, Agostinelli, McManus, Duell, Schmuckal

b. Consideration of cost estimate from the County Road Commission to repair Meadow Lane Drive (7:42)

A cost estimate to repair Meadow Lane Drive has been requested by Dave Reynolds. Board members discussed the proposed cost estimate and decided that the township would approve its \$1000 cost share for and estimate once the form was filled out completely.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to approve the application for a cost sharing estimate to fix Meadow Lane Drive as soon as it was filled out properly.

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

Nays: None

c. PD 2019-32 – Consideration of Ordinance No. 74, an ordinance to prohibit marihuana establishments within the Township. Introduce and schedule for a public hearing for April 23, 2019. (7:47)

Korn said that in the last election, 60% of Garfield Township Residents voted against marihuana.

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded THAT a public hearing be scheduled on the proposed recreational marihuana establishments opt-out ordinance, as attached to Planning Department Report 2019-32, for the April 23, 2019 meeting of the Township Board.

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

Nays: None

d. PD-2019-35 – Proposed amendment to Ordinance No. 67, amending Consumer Fireworks Ordinance. Introduce and schedule a public hearing for April 23, 2019. (7:49)

Schmuckal moved and Duell seconded THAT the draft Second Amendment to Ordinance No. 67, as attached to Planning Department Report 2019-35, BE SCHEDULED for public hearing for the April 23, 2019 meeting of the Township Board.

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

e. Consideration of bids to replace flooring at the Township office. (7:50)

Two quotes were received on flooring and tile for township offices. Board members discussed the installation and logistics of the installation. Agostinelli said that the Building Committee recommends the bid from Northern Floor and Tile.

Duell moved and Schmuckal seconded to award the bid for new carpet and tile in the township offices to Northern Floor and tile in the amount of \$6,368.00 as long as disposal was included.

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

9. Public Comment (7:57)

None

10. Other Business (7:57)

Walters mentioned that he looked at the voting day parking issue at Station 12 and had a sketch. Park property may be encroached upon. The board discussed the parking problem and determined that Gourdie Fraser could look at it as well for feasibility and a possible solution.

11. Adjournment

Korn adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.



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